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No lock? Prepare for shock

Price increase will show up on electricity bills in the coming months Temperature has topped 30 C 11 times this summer, pushing up demand for power

An electricity price shock is about to hit — and local hydro utilities are warming up a campaign to tell consumers it's not their fault.

Householders who haven't locked in a rate through a retailer can expect to see the price of power jump by up to 16 per cent on their next bill.

On top of that, this summer's hot weather is driving up the amount of electricity that many households are using.

Utilities like Toronto Hydro and Powerstream are already busy getting the message out to consumers that higher bills are on the way.

And the Electricity Distributors Association, which represents local hydro utilities across the province, is sending information packages to members this week advising them how to explain the price jumps as consumers open their bills.

Local utilities are especially sensitive to the price increases because they're the ones who bill on behalf of all the players in the electricity market, although they get less than 25 per cent of the total revenue.

At the same time, the local utilities are trying to point out that most of the money goes to generating companies (a little more than half the bill), transmission companies like Hydro One, and for regulatory charges, including the left-over debt from the old Ontario Hydro.

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Why the hike?

Brian Bentz, chair of the Electricity Distributors Association, said the next round of electricity bills will factor in two big price hikes:

- **Generation** The price of power paid to generating companies went up May 1. That will push a typical household's bill up by eight per cent, unless it has a fixed-price contract, Bentz said.
- **The HST** From July 1 on, the HST is applied to electricity bills, pushing prices up eight per cent for all electricity users, since consumers were not previously charged PST on electricity bills.

Baseball. Mills time

▶ Blue Jays starter Brad Mills throws a pitch last night.

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Brad Mills saves best for first

In his first major-league start of the season, Blue Jays pitcher Brad Mills threw seven shutout innings, helping Toronto to a 5-0 win over the Baltimore Orioles and a three-game series sweep. More coverage at metronews.ca/sports

This band is taking its toll

Metro talks to Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine {page 31}

Argos set sail for first place

But Boatmen face biggest test so far in Montreal {page 55}

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Snitch line set up for unsafe job sites

Underground construction economy includes illegal workers, newcomers who don't know rights

The province has established a snitch line to report unsafe job sites in the wake of the Christmas Eve scaffolding accident that killed four Greater Toronto Area workers.

"Our inspectors can't be everywhere at all times," Labour Minister Peter Fonseca said yesterday.

Calls to the snitch line (1-877-202-0008) will be anonymous and there will be translation services for dozens of languages, ministry spokespeople said.

Those calls will help direct the province's 4,300 health and safety inspectors to dangerous job sites, Fonseca said.

"There are unscrupulous employers out there and we want to stop that practice ... We have seen what can happen when we don't."

Weeks after the Christmas Eve tragedy, which killed workers repairing apartment balconies, an expert panel was set up, led by former deputy labour minister Tony Dean. The panel's recommendations are expected this fall.

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Between 2005 and 2009, 97 Ontario construction workers were killed on the job, while another 999 were seriously injured, according to ministry statistics.

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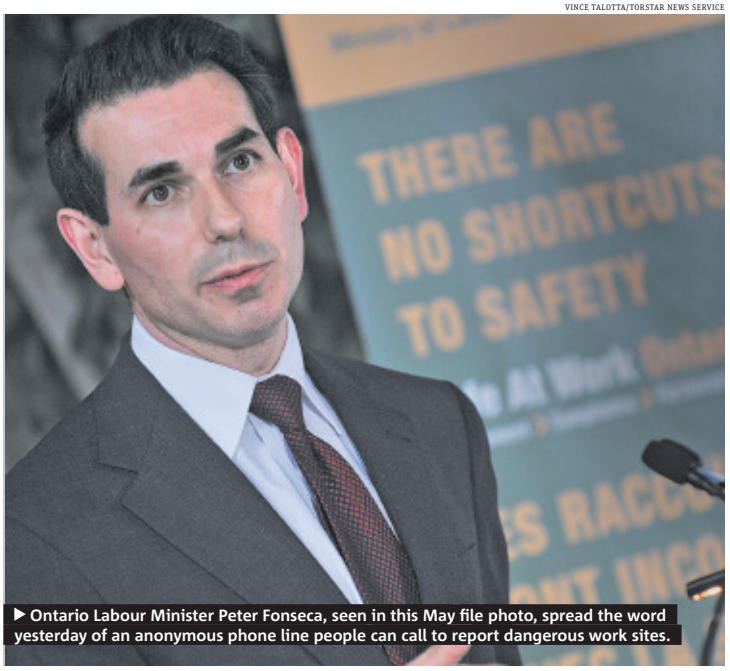

▶ Ontario Labour Minister Peter Fonseca, seen in this May file photo, spread the word yesterday of an anonymous phone line people can call to report dangerous work sites.

Police release sketch of sex assault suspect

Toronto police released a composite sketch yesterday of a man they believe drugged and sexually assaulted a 31-year-old woman in a bar.

"We've exhausted other leads and we're looking for the assistance of the public to see if anyone recognizes this person," said Det.-Const. Lori Kranenburg.

She said the victim remembers going with a friend to a bar near College and Bathurst streets April 11, where she met a man who called himself "Mario." Beyond that, she said, it's a blank.

"The problem with drug-facilitated sexual assaults is the victim has very little memory of what happens," said Kranenburg.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

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▶ A composite sketch of a suspect in a sexual assault.

News in brief

Motorists save trapped men

CRASH. Police say passing motorists likely saved the lives of two men trapped in a burning tractor-trailer near Mitchell, Ont.

The cab caught fire Tuesday afternoon after the rig caught the shoulder and crashed into a hydro pole and a tree, causing the tree to fall on the truck.

Two motorists who witnessed the crash about 50 kilometres west of Kitchener rushed to the burning vehicle and pulled the two men out.

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Person struck by lightning

HAMILTON. Police say a person was struck by lightning in Hamilton during a severe thunderstorm yesterday.

An ambulance was sent to the scene.

Residents also reported power outages as a result of the storm.

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MISSISSAUGA INQUIRY

McCallion claims son misled her

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion's lawyer has unveiled her defence at a judicial inquiry probing the mayor's involvement in a $14.4-million land sale her son brokered: Peter misled her.

"The bottom line is that you misled your mother as to your actual role in World Class Developments Ltd.," Elizabeth McIntyre, the mayor's lawyer, told Peter McCallion yesterday.

"Misled, or I wasn't aware of it at the time," replied the younger McCallion, who has claimed at the inquiry that he did not tell his mother he was an owner of the company attempting to build a downtown billion-dollar hotel/convention centre complex because he didn't realize "at the time" he was an owner.

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Charges vanish for G20 accused

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▶ Dave Vasey, the sole person arrested under the Public Works Protection Act during the G20 summit, found out in court yesterday that his charges had disappeared.

Charged with failing to comply with an officer under temporary law

The only person charged under a controversial G20 regulation appeared in court yesterday to discover his charges have mysteriously disappeared.

Dave Vasey, 31, was exploring the G20 security perimeter June 24 when he was arrested and charged under a temporary regulation.

The regulation, which was quietly passed by the province under the 1939 Public Works Protection Act, designated the security zone around the Metro Convention Centre as a "public work" and empowered police to search anyone attempting to enter the perimeter.

Vasey was taken to the Eastern Avenue detention centre and released after being given a summons to appear in court yesterday.

But to his surprise, when Vasey arrived at Old City Hall yesterday morning, the court had no information on his charges.

"This has nothing to do with the fact that this was a G20-related case. At this point, we believe this was an administrative issue."

TORONTO POLICE SPOKESWOMAN MEAGHAN GREY

This means Vasey is now free from his charges, said his lawyer, Howard Morton.

Morton said he is baffled as to why the charges have suddenly disappeared.

"There are only two possibilities. The first is, there never was a charge," said Morton. "The only other possibility that I can think of is that the government simply didn't want any further embarrassment over this regulation that was passed in secret and simply decided not to pursue it." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LRT tunnels a $54M bore

Who says Toronto's new light rail lines won't be as good as a subway?

Metrolinx has ordered four giant tunnel-boring machines for $54 million to build the underground section of the Eglinton Crosstown Transit City light rail line.

"The LRT in the 11- to 12-kilometre tunnel is a subway in the sense that it is rail cars travelling underground with underground stations and no other traffic," said Metrolinx head Rob Prichard. The beauty of the LRT, he says, is that at the end of the tunnel, riders can stay on the same vehicle and ride above ground all the way to Kennedy station rather than transferring to a bus or streetcar.

12 About 12 kilometres of the $4.6-billion Eglinton LRT will run underground, from about Black Creek Drive in the west to Laird Avenue in the east.

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Man wanted in Wales arrested

Toronto police have arrested a man wanted for murder in South Wales.

Police say Mohamud Mahad, 27, also known as Kalid Sharif, fled the U.K. in 2003.

Mahad is alleged to be part of a group that beat a man after a soccer match. The victim later died of his injuries.

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Bureaucrat to take over Metrolinx

A veteran provincial bureaucrat is replacing Rob Prichard as the chief executive officer of Metrolinx.

Bruce McCuaig, a 26-year public servant who has spent the past three years as deputy minister of transportation, takes over as president and chief executive officer Sept. 7.

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Alleged G20 riot ringleader out on bail

One of the four alleged ringleaders of riots that rocked downtown Toronto during last month's G20 summit is out on bail.

Amanda Hiscocks will live under house arrest at her sister's residence in Ottawa and will continue to make required court appearances in Toronto.

Justice of the peace Mark Conacher granted her bail Tuesday of $140,000.

Hiscocks faces charges of conspiracy to assault and obstruct police and mischief.

Hiscocks, Alex Hundert, Lea Henderson and Peter Hupperton are accused of having organizing roles in riots that caused thousands of dollars worth of damage over the G20 weekend.

Others wanted

- Toronto police yesterday released the name of another person wanted in connection with G20 violence. Stephen Caswell, 30, of Toronto — who is alleged to have damaged a police car — is wanted for mischief over $5,000.
- Also yesterday, police say they arrested Matthew McDonald, 33, of Toronto, and charged him with mischief under $5,000 and failure to comply with probation. Police allege McDonald caused damage to a police car.

Police allege they are active members of the Southern Ontario Anarchist Resistance.

Hiscocks is a prominent social activist in Guelph and has been battling various charges related to protests over the past years. She has been out on bail from a pending trial in Guelph on charges of arson and mischief following the burning of a barricade that took place in November 2008.

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News in brief

Arguing with Coach Ford

MAYOR RACE. An assistant football coach had to separate mayoral candidate Rob Ford from a student player during a heated 2001 dispute between the two men, says a published report.

The confrontation, which the former player says did not turn physical, led to Ford being relieved of his coaching duties at Newtonbrook high school.

Jonathan Gordon, now a 25-year-old soldier in the Canadian Forces, says a vigorous sidelines dispute between himself and his former coach featured a face-to-face screaming match.

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Critics demand Grit apology

HEALTH CARE. The governing Liberals should apologize to two women whose breasts were removed after they were mistakenly diagnosed with cancer and explain why they didn't move sooner to warn the public that other errors may have been made, critics demanded yesterday.

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Recall for more meats

LISTERIA. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is warning the public to avoid ready-to-eat meat products under the Dat's Deli Europeen, Les Caprices d'Al Adhba, Le Biftheque and Les Viandes Soleil brands.

The products may be contaminated with Listeria.

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How many Torys can fit in one race?

Publicity may force John Tory's hand on mayoral ambitions ◗ Son won't comment on potential switch

Conservative Rob Ford will take a hit. So will right-leaning Rocco Rossi. But the candidate with the most to lose should John Tory run for mayor is Sarah Thomson.

A chief campaign strategist on Thomson's very small team is Tory's son, John Tory Jr. And yesterday, the buzz was that another of Tory's sons, George Tory, will be named Thomson's new campaign manager.

Both, according to a source, told Thomson before signing on that they would leave should their father enter the race.

What began as a fringe candidacy in January, buttressed in part by Thomson's gender in the white male political landscape, has evolved into a formidable run at city hall. A poll released in June showed the plucky Women's Post publisher running third, ahead of deputy mayor Joe Pantalone.

Thomson, who declined to comment on the campaign manager rumour, conceded if the senior Tory declared, it would cause challenges for her campaign. "It would be very difficult and that's one of the reasons I don't think he would run," she said yesterday.

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▶ Sarah Thomson, right, spars with Joe Pantalone during a debate earlier this month.

Trying again?

It increasingly does appear that John Tory is poised to enter the race for mayor.

- At Queen's Park, sources say his nascent mayoral campaign is casting about for "prominent Liberals" to climb aboard.
- Insiders said a 50th birthday bash being held for Liberal lobbyist Warren Kinsella, a vocal Tory booster who worked on his unsuccessful 2003 mayoral bid, a week this Saturday could be used to showcase the former Progressive Conservative leader for uncommitted Grits.
- The initial plan, according to a third source, was to launch Sept. 7 after the Labour Day weekend.

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Legal action to be pursued against Rogers

Rogers rolls out Chatr service for talk and text customers ● New mobile provider sees launch as threat

Rogers launched its Chatr brand yesterday for cellphone users who just want to talk and text, taking aim at new wireless players offering the same low-priced services.

Chatr is offering no contracts with unlimited talk and text — similar to packages available from Wind Mobile, Public Mobile and Mobilicity, which rolled out their networks in recent months.

New cellphone company Mobilicity sees Chatr as a threat and said it will go ahead with a legal action against Rogers Communications Inc.

"We feel that this is an attempt to try to drive us out, so that they can eventually raise prices," said Mobilicity's chief operating officer Stewart Lyons.

"If you're sitting in the dugouts at camp Moblicity, this is your worst nightmare."
TELECOM ANALYST IAIN GRANT ON ROGERS' LAUNCH OF CHATR

"They have done it before and they will do it again," Lyons said.

Toronto-based Mobilicity said it will challenge Chatr under the federal Competition Act and is also working on civil litigation and complaints to federal authorities such as Industry Canada and the CRTC.

"We have many, many levers at our disposal that we will take and we will use to be highly competitive," said Lyons.

Mobilicity can't be acquired for five years as a new wireless company under the rules of the federal wireless spectrum auction.

Globalive chairman Anthony Lacavera said Chatr is a reaction to his Wind Mobile brand.

"It demonstrates the impact that Wind is having in the market," Lacavera said.

"I think it does help spur more competition in the marketplace, which I think is great for Canadians."

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Medicine. No go

▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty and Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall speak to the media in 2009.

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McGuinty won't fund clinical trial

Premier Dalton McGuinty says Ontario will not follow Saskatchewan's lead and fund clinical trials of a new operation that offers hope to people with multiple sclerosis. Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall said Tuesday his government was ready to help pay for clinical trials of the so-called liberation treatment, despite a lack of scientific evidence proving it works.

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Rival hurdlers will face off for Canadian title

- Felicien has edge over Lopes-Schliep in past events
- Canadian championships taking place this week

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▶ Perdita Felicien competes in the 100-metre hurdles during the Festival of Excellence last year.

The list of similarities is a long one.

Canadian hurdlers Perdita Felicien and Priscilla Lopes-Schliep are both from just outside of Toronto, have both enjoyed illustrious careers and are both in their prime. They also have similar records of success against the other, with Felicien leading the head-to-head battle 16-14 entering this week's Canadian championships.

Their rivalry has been a hot topic this week as Felicien — the defending champion — and Lopes-Schliep made the media rounds in the buildup to their showdown in the 100-metre hurdles.

It's something Athletics Canada head coach Alex Gardiner says helps both of them.

"They can't look over their shoulder without seeing each other," Gardiner said. "It's important to be the Canadian champion, it's important to be the Canadian record holder. I think when you have two world-class athletes, it just doesn't double the culture of excellence. I think it's exponential."

Felicien, 29, and Lopes-Schliep, 27, were all smiles at the event's kick-off news conference at a downtown Toronto clothing store yesterday. They chatted, laughed together and even had a thumb-wrestling battle after taking questions from reporters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE RIVALS

On the track it's business

Perdita Felicien, the 2003 world champion, has dominated at the national level for years. She has been challenged recently by Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, who won bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and a silver at last year's world championships.

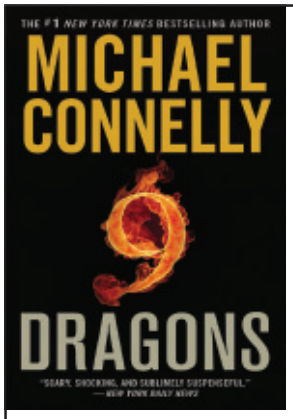
"It's respectful," Athletics Canada head coach Alex Gardiner said of the rivalry. "They really know what each other has done in the world. They've become closer over the last few years but when they're on the track, at a training camp, it's business."

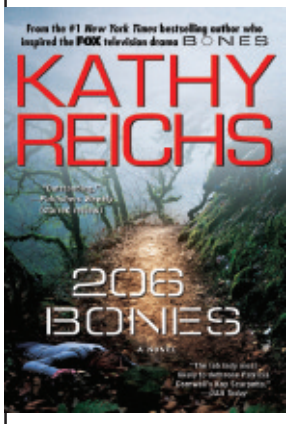
The meet began yesterday at the University of Toronto's Varsity Centre, with mostly qualifying action. The two-day championships section featuring semifinals and finals begins tomorrow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Armstrong favourite in shot put

In other events, five-time national champion Dylan Armstrong of Kamloops, B.C., is the favourite in the men's shot put. He set the Canadian record of 21.58 metres earlier this season.

Calgary's Jessica Zelinka returns in the women's heptathlon after taking last season off to have a baby. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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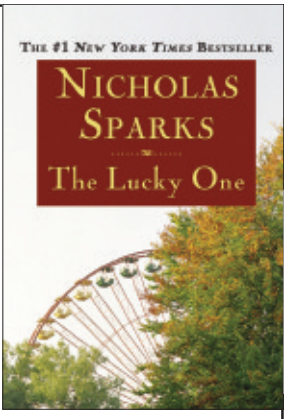

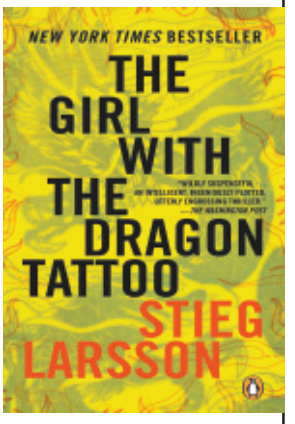

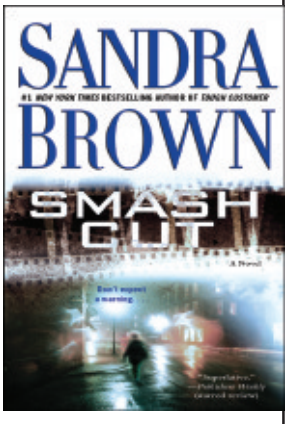

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Tories scrap survey for civil servants

Move comes months after Treasury Board president Stockwell Day opened door to department staff

Federal civil servants won't get to fill out a workplace survey because the Conservative government has axed it.

It appears the next Public Service Employee Survey has wound up in the Treasury Board's budgetary crosshairs. A Statistics Canada official broke the news to colleagues last month in an email obtained by The Canadian Press.

"I regret to inform you that plans for the 2010 Public Service Employee Survey are cancelled," Geoff Bowlby, head of the agency's labour statistics division, wrote June 2.

"We received notice from Treasury Board secretariat yesterday evening that funding for the project was not approved for this year.

"Please cancel any work that you may have already initiated on this project."

Neither Treasury Board president Stockwell Day nor his department were immediately able to say how much the survey cost.

The government solicits voluntary feedback from its workers every three years to improve programs and services.

The survey gives a snapshot of workers' demographics, skills, career expectations and concerns.

The union that represents civil servants accused the Tories of turning a deaf ear to the bureaucracy.

"In eliminating this survey, I think government is quite clearly saying to their workforce that they're not interested," said Patty Ducharme, executive vice-president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

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Census objectors come in many different forms. Scan this code for the story.

Miami. Free

▶ Recently freed Cuban political prisoner Ariel Sigler, who is paralyzed from the waist down, is taken to a hospital yesterday after his arrival in Miami from Cuba.

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Freed prisoner arrives

Ariel Sigler was among 75 opposition activists rounded up in March 2003 and charged with taking money to destabilize Cuba's government.

Suit against institution can go ahead

A class-action lawsuit from developmentally disabled people alleging decades of abuse at an Ontario institution has been given the green light. Ontario Superior Court Justice Maurice Cullity told the court yesterday there will be an order certifying the action involving former residents of Huronia Regional Centre and their family members.

Justice Maurice Cullity said he will make adjustments to the order and give his written reasons in several days.

The institution opened in 1876 under the name Orillia Asylum for Idiots, and when it closed in March 2009, Huronia was the oldest institution for people with a developmental disability.

The allegations have not been proven in court and the province says it will not file a statement of defence until it receives a written decision.

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Crash in Pakistan kills 152

Aircraft was trying to land when it lost contact with tower Government says it does not suspect terrorism

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▶ Pakistani rescue workers wait for helicopters to collect dead bodies at the crash site.

What happened?

Witnesses said the plane appeared to be flying very low and that it seemed unsteady in the air.

- **The airline** Raheel Ahmed, a spokesman for Airblue, said the plane had no known technical issues, and the pilots did not send any emergency signals.
- **The manufacturer** Airbus said it would provide technical assistance to the crash investigators.
- **Pilots' association** The Pakistan Airline Pilot Association said the plane may have strayed off course, possibly because of the poor weather. Several officials noted the plane seemed to be an unusual distance from the airport, which was some 15 kilometres away.

A passenger jet that officials suspect veered off course in monsoon rains and thick clouds crashed into hills overlooking Pakistan's capital yesterday, killing all 152 people on board and scattering body parts and twisted metal far and wide.

The Airblue jet's crash was the deadliest ever in Pakistan, and the latest tragedy to jolt a country that has suffered numerous deaths in recent years due to al-Qaida and Taliban attacks.

The aircraft, an Airbus A321, crashed some 15 kilometres from the airport, scorching a wide stretch of the Margalla Hills, including a section behind Faisal Mosque, one of Islamabad's most prominent landmarks. Twisted metal wreckage hung from trees and lay scattered across the ground. Smoke rose from the scene as helicopters hovered.

The exact cause of the crash was not immediately clear, and rescue workers were seeking the "black box" flight data recorder amid the wreckage.

Rescue workers and citizen volunteers were hampered by the rain, mud and rugged terrain. The crash was so severe it would have been nearly impossible for any of the 146 passengers and six crew members to survive, rescue officials said.

As the government declared today would be a day of mourning and condolences poured in from the U.S., Britain and other nations, hundreds of people showed up at Islamabad's largest hospital and the airport seeking information on loved ones.

They swarmed ambulances reaching the hospital, but their hopes fell as rescue workers unloaded bags filled with body parts. A large cluster of people also surrounded a passenger list posted near the Airblue counter at the airport.

"We don't know who survived, who died, who is injured," said Zulfikar Ghazi, who lost four relatives. "We are in shock."

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Last decade warmest on record: New report

Scientists from around the world are providing even more evidence of global warming.

"A comprehensive review of key climate indicators confirms the world is warming and the past decade was the warmest on record," the annual State of the Climate report declares.

Compiled by more than 300 scientists from 48 countries, the report said its analysis of 10 indicators that are "clearly and directly related to surface temperatures, all tell the same story: Global warming is undeniable."

Concern about rising temperatures has been growing in recent years as atmospheric scientists report rising temperatures associated with greenhouse gases released into the air by industrial and other human processes. At the same time, some skeptics have questioned the conclusions.

Steadily rising

- **The '80s and '90s** Deke Arndt, chief of the Climate Monitoring Branch at the National Climatic Data Center, noted that the 1980s was the warmest decade up to that point, but each year in the 1990s was warmer than the '80s average.
- **The 2000s** Each year in the 2000s has been warmer than the '90s average, so the first 10 years of the 2000s is now the warmest decade on record.

The new report noted that continuing warming will threaten coastal cities, infrastructure, water supply, health and agriculture.

The new climate report, released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and published as a supplement to the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, focused on 10 indicators of a warming world, seven of which are increasing and three declining.

Rising over decades are average air temperature, the ratio of water vapour to air, ocean heat content, sea surface temperature, sea level, air temperature over the ocean and air temperature over land.

Indicators that are declining are snow cover, glaciers and sea ice.

The 10 were selected "because they were the most obviously related indicators of global temperature," explained Peter Thorne of the Cooperative Institute for Climate and Satellites, who helped develop the list when at the British weather service.

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Man's bail lasts all of four hours

A Nova Scotia man charged with threatening the lives of police officers in Newfoundland was arrested about four hours after he was granted bail.

Mark Baltzer was released from custody at about 7 p.m. with numerous conditions, but just before 11 p.m., the RCMP say they saw him enter a bar, a violation of one of his conditions.

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Baltzer, who had also been consuming alcohol in violation of conditions, is now charged with six counts of failing to comply with court orders.

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Canadian given accountability chief job by UN

Some leaders unhappy with pick Informal custom was to switch post between developing, Western nations

The United Nations turned to a Canadian woman yesterday who was chief auditor for the World Bank as its choice for the next head of the UN's internal watchdog agency.

Carman Lapointe-Young won approval from the General Assembly to become the undersecretary-general for oversight. She will be given the huge task of trying to fix an agency that her predecessor says is in disarray.

The Manitoba native was appointed to the five-year term as head of the UN's Office of Internal Oversight Services by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, whose leadership was severely criticized by outgoing OIOS head Inga-Britt Ahlenius of Sweden.

▶ Carman Lapointe-Young

Over the past decade the UN has been rocked by a series of corruption scandals. The best known resulted from a two-year investigation into the UN-run oil-for-food program for Iraq led by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker. Volcker's inquiry culminated in an October 2005 report accusing more than 2,200 companies of colluding with Saddam Hussein's regime to bilk $1.8 billion US from a program aimed at easing Iraqi suffering under UN sanctions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Settlement in cross case

An Ohio family has settled a lawsuit against a school teacher who was accused of burning the image of crosses on students' arms.

The family of Zachary Dennis and attorneys for teacher John Freshwater's insurance carrier did not release details of the agreement, which averts a trial that was set to begin Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Evacuees head home

Just hours after being forced from their Kamloops, B.C., homes as a wildfire burned on their doorsteps, an evacuation order was lifted.

Kamloops Fire and Rescue Capt. Sheldon Guertin said the wildfire on the eastern edge of the city was 80 per cent contained.

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U.S. vows peace talks

Egypt says it has received U.S. assurances that may help restart direct peace talks between the Palestinians and Israel. An Egyptian presidential spokesman said yesterday that U.S. President Barack Obama has committed to engineering direct peace talks pushing toward a two-state solution.

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Bedbugs infest N.Y.C.

Mayor's administration fielded nearly 11,000 complaints about the bugs in 2009, up from 537 in 2004

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▶ Tourists take in a scenic view of Lower Manhattan. Officials in New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration are reporting that roughly 400,000 city residents battled bedbugs last year.

One of every 15 New Yorkers battled bedbugs last year, officials said yesterday as they announced a plan to fight the spreading infestation, including a public-awareness campaign and a top entomologist to head the effort.

The bloodsucking pests, which are not known to spread disease but can cause great mental anguish with their persistent and fast-growing infestations, have rapidly multiplied throughout New York and many other U.S. cities in recent years.

Health officials and pest-control specialists nationwide report surges in sightings, bites and complaints. The Environmental Protection Agency hosted its first-ever bedbug summit last year.

In New York City, the pests have been discovered in theatres, clothing stores, office buildings, housing projects and apartments.

The stigma of having bedbugs — whose bites leave itchy red welts — and the elusive nature of the pests make it impossible to fully understand the problem, experts say.

But for the first time, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration included a question about bedbugs on its 2009 community health survey, and it revealed the finding to The Associated Press yesterday: More than six per cent of New Yorkers who responded said they had battled the pests in the last year.

The figure would equal roughly 400,000 adults in the city, the health department said.

Data previously has been limited to government statistics on complaints and surveys of private pest-control companies, which have also reported nationwide spikes.

"This is happening globally, and I don't think anybody has figured out exactly why," said Daniel Kass, the city's deputy commissioner for environmental health. "So what we're left with is managing them and keeping them from spreading. They're going to be with us for some time."

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Stealth pests

- People who have bedbugs often never see them. The most obvious signs are bites, blood on bedsheets and their waste, which looks like black pepper. And they can go a year without feeding.

News in brief

Faithful must pay to pray

LONDON. Pilgrims will have to pay as much as $39 to attend one of the two public events in England to be led by Pope Benedict XVI during his visit in September, church officials said yesterday.

The charges — believed to be a first for a papal event — are for a prayer vigil in London's Hyde Park on Sept. 18 and the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Birmingham on Sept. 19.

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U.S. diplomat to attend A-bomb event

WASHINGTON. The United States says the U.S. ambassador to Japan will attend a ceremony marking the Aug. 6 anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack in Hiroshima.

The State Department says it will be the first time a U.S. ambassador will attend the event.

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Child found in pool succumbs

DEATH. Ottawa police say a young child found in a pool yesterday morning has died.

Police and emergency workers responded to a call at a residence in the suburb of Orleans at about 10:20 a.m. The child, under the age of five, was transported to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in very serious condition and was later pronounced dead.

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No HST mailout in B.C.

VANCOUVER. British Columbians shouldn't bother checking their mailboxes for a pamphlet explaining the benefits of the newly implemented harmonized sales tax.

Finance Minister Colin Hansen says it won't be coming. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nunavut's top judge seeks help

Just months after sending two new judges to Nunavut, the federal government is considering appointing another two members of the bench to help deal with the Arctic territory's soaring rate of violent crime.

The consideration comes after a pleading letter to federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson from Robert Kilpatrick, chief justice of the Nunavut Court of Justice.

"For the last decade, the Nunavut territory has experienced an unrelenting and accelerating rate of serious violent crime," Kilpatrick wrote.

"The court's present complement of four judges cannot service the existing volume of violent crime without additional assistance."

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Sex scandal forces giant church sale

400 properties have to be sold

The Roman Catholic Church has begun identifying Nova Scotia properties it's ready to sell to pay for the settlement of a sexual abuse lawsuit.

About 400 properties have to be sold, with the goal of raising $18 million.

Rev. Paul Abbass, a spokesperson for the diocese of Antigonish, says there could be hundreds of property sales in northeastern Nova Scotia.

He says the hope is to gain the maximum price for the unoccupied properties before the 90 parishes have to start selling church halls they may need for fundraising and social events.

"We haven't put the parish halls up in the first round," he said.

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Plan of action

The church hopes to raise $18 million by selling properties.

- **The lawsuits:** The church has to raise $15 million for the settlement of a class-action lawsuit with alleged victims of sexual abuse from the 1950s to 2009.
- **The future:** Another $3 million is being raised to cover potential lawsuit costs of individual actions against the church.
- **The properties:** Some for sale so far include an unoccupied rectory in Mulgrave and a former convent in Stella Maris parish, Pictou.

Ottawa. Easy does it

▶ A couple watch kite-boarders in Ottawa.

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Lazy days of summer

It was a good day to take it easy yesterday. Temperatures hit 24 C over most of southern Ontario. On the Ottawa River, winds of up to 23 km/h brought the kite-boarders out.

Eleven years in jail for underage sex

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▶ Kenneth Klassen

A Canadian man who admitted having sex with young girls in Colombia and Cambodia has been jailed for 11 years.

A B.C. Supreme Court judge said Kenneth Klassen committed "serious" and "opportunistic" offences.

Justice Austin Cullen rejected the defence argument that Klassen was just a "customer," saying the girls were very young and vulnerable.

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Human error led to prisoner escape

Human error is to blame for a courthouse escape last April, say police in Woodstock, Ont.

A security officer escorting Timothy Jepson into the Oxford County courthouse did not follow the proper protocol in shackling the prisoner.

Deputy Chief Daryl Longworth said escorted prisoners are to be handcuffed and shackled.

Shackles were not available so the officer decided to walk the handcuffed prisoner without them, Longworth said. Jepson escaped, and was located at a Woodstock home.

He is serving time for escaping custody and a prior driving offence.

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In a hot spot, call Canada's Mr. Cool

'Conflict is where the rubber meets the road,' says man in battle-torn Kandahar Now Ben Rowswell is off to a calmer clime — as a professor

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Ben Rowswell will spend the next year teaching.

He's seen it all

Ben Rowswell is just days from turning 40. He has worked in some of the world's worst hot spots.

- He spent a year in Kabul as Canada's deputy chief of mission and was a Canadian emissary in Iraq.
- He got his start in the foreign service at the age of 22 when he worked at the airport in dangerous Mogadishu, Somalia.
- There, he said, the head of a beheaded man was placed at a journalists' hotel "just to freak them out."

Where some people see nothing but conflict, Ben Rowswell sees potential.

That may explain why, after 17 years in the service of Canadian diplomacy in some of the world's most troubled hot spots, he still believes in the opportunities for growth and development that have surrounded him for the last year in battle-ravaged Kandahar province in Afghanistan.

"Conflict is where the rubber meets the road," said Rowswell.

He is packing it in after 10 months as the Representative of Canada in Kandahar (RoCK), the country's top-ranked civilian official in the region.

Despite his plans to put his days in political hot spots behind him, Rowswell admitted he remains drawn to places where conflict gives rise to growth, development and progress.

"You look back on how the international system evolves, (and) it evolves around conflicts and the responses to conflict.

"I get the feeling when I'm in this kind of place that I have a bit of a glimpse of what the future might look like."

Rowswell's own future, after nearly two decades of diplomatic work in some of the world's most dangerous places, looks rosy.

He's getting married next month and plans to take a job as a visiting professor at Stanford University and write a book about his travels. The future of the land around him is nowhere near as clear.

"It's not the future that we are hoping for, but the one that's going to develop in response to the scars of conflict,"he said.

"We are building on the scar tissue that will shape what international relations will be like."

Rowswell has provided leadership to Canada's diplomats, development officers, police and corrections officials.

And with the end of Canada's mission now less than a year away, he's confident his country has made a difference.

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Who spilled the beans? WikiLeaks doesn't know

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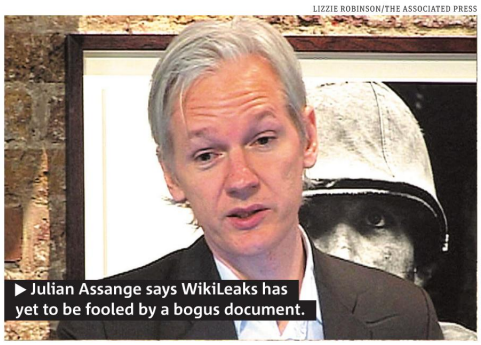

Julian Assange says WikiLeaks has yet to be fooled by a bogus document.

WikiLeaks' editor-in-chief claims his organization doesn't know who sent it some 91,000 secret U.S. military documents.

The website was set up to hide the source of its data, Julian Assange told journalists.

"We never know the source of the leak," the 39-year-old Australian said in London.

"Our whole system is designed such that we don't have to keep that secret."

Assange was defending the site from charges it endangered lives by putting mountains of classified information in the public domain.

U.S. officials say a massive online disclosure may have put soldiers and operatives in danger, and the Pentagon, the U.S. Justice Department, and the FBI have all stepped in to investigate.

Former CIA director Michael Hayden described the mass release as a big gift to America's enemies.

"If I had gotten this trove on the Taliban or al-Qaida, I would have called it priceless," he said.

"If I'm head of the Russian intelligence, I'm getting my best English speakers and saying: 'Read every document, and I want you to tell me, how good are these guys? What are their approaches, their strengths, their weaknesses and their blind spots?'"

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Bus hits bomb, 25 killed

A packed bus hit a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan yesterday, killing 25 people aboard.

The bus was travelling in Nimroz province on a main highway toward the capital Kabul when it struck the explosive about 7 a.m. near Delaram, said Nazir Ahmad, a provincial government spokesperson.

Another 20 people were wounded, he said.

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Sarkozy expels illegal Roma immigrants

French president gets tough on gypsies after violent clashes with police Accused by critics of racism

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Nicolas Sarkozy

French President Nicolas Sarkozy yesterday ordered authorities to expel gypsy illegal immigrants and dismantle their camps amid accusations that his government is acting racist in its treatment of the group known as Roma.

Sarkozy called a government meeting yesterday after Roma clashed with police this month after the shooting death of a gypsy youth fleeing officers in the Loire Valley.

Sarkozy said those responsible for the clashes would be "severely punished" and ordered the government to expel all illegal Roma immigrants, almost all of whom have come from eastern Europe.

He pushed for a change in France's immigration law to make such expulsion easier "for reasons of public order." He said illegal gypsy camps "will be systematically evacuated," calling them sources of trafficking, exploitation of children and prostitution.

French Roma representatives were not invited to yesterday's presidential meeting, which included the interior, justice and immigration ministers and top police officials.

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Spain. Bullfight

Animal rights activists in Madrid celebrate Catalonia's decision to ban bullfighting yesterday in their northeastern region.

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No bull! Catalonia outlaws fights

Animal rights activists celebrate in Madrid yesterday after the Catalonian parliament's decision to ban bullfights in their northeastern region. Yesterday's ban makes the region Spain's first major area to enforce this law after an impassioned debate that pitted the rights of animals against preserving a pillar of traditional culture.

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General Motors closes doors on Windsor plant

Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis confident city will rebound ◆ Concern expressed for laid-off workers

It's the end of the line for General Motors in Windsor, but Mayor Eddie Francis says he's confident the city will rebound.

Employees reported for work at the GM transmission plant in the city for the last time yesterday.

The plant — which built transmissions for the Pontiac G5 and Chevy Cobalt — is hitting the off switch, ending 90 years in Windsor for GM.

Francis says this kind of closure is always a sobering time, and city officials are "deeply concerned" about the 500 workers whose jobs are disappearing.

He said the city would continue programs of diversification, and support efforts to retrain and re-employ GM workers.

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▶ Eddie Francis

"With characteristic Windsor optimism, we look forward to the promise of new opportunities," Francis said in a statement.

"We regard today's departure of GM as a transition rather than an ending.

"We know we can rely on the resilience of our people and their determination to succeed, whatever the circumstances."

Dan Garneau, the plant's senior human resources administrator, calls it the end of an era and a loss for the community, the workers and for charities that GM has supported.

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Say. Cluck

▶ Melissa Pinsonneau Craig holds a chicken in her arms yesterday outside Montreal City Hall. She joins a group petitioning to allow citizens to raise chickens in their backyards.

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Citizens for backyard chick-a-nery

A photographer takes a close-up photo yesterday of a chicken in the arms of Melissa Pinsonneau Craig in front of Montreal City Hall. A group of citizens is petitioning the municipal government to change a bylaw that would allow residents to raise chickens in their backyard.

20 The number of people who turned out Tuesday night for the open house Bruce Power held on its plan.

Hearing demanded

Some residents in Owen Sound want a public hearing into a proposal to ship decommissioned steam generators on the Great Lakes. CANADIAN PRESS

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Judge blocks Ariz. immigration law

Clinton-appointed judge puts kibosh on law's most controversial aspects Slight victory for opponents

A federal judge yesterday blocked the most controversial parts of Arizona's immigration law from taking effect, delivering a last-minute victory to opponents of the crackdown.

The overall law will still take effect today, but without the provisions that angered opponents — including sections that required officers to check a person's immigration status while enforcing other laws. The judge also put on hold parts of the law that required immigrants to carry their papers at all times, and made it illegal for undocumented workers to solicit employment in public places. In addition, the judge blocked officers from making warrantless arrests of suspected illegal immigrants.

"Requiring Arizona law enforcement officials and agencies to determine the immigration status of every person who is arrested burdens lawfully present aliens because their liberty will be restricted while their status is checked," U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton ruled.

She ruled the controversial sections should be put on hold until the courts resolve the issues.

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▶ A group of illegal immigrants await deportation yesterday in Nogales, Mexico.

Quick hits

- The law was signed by Republican Gov. Jan Brewer in April and immediately revived U.S. national debate on immigration.
- The law has inspired rallies in Arizona and elsewhere by advocates on both sides of the debate. Some opponents have advocated a boycott of Arizona.
- It also led an unknown number of illegal immigrants to leave Arizona for other American states or their home countries.
- Federal authorities who are trying to overturn the law have argued that letting the Arizona law stand would create a patchwork of immigration laws nationwide that would needlessly complicate the already-complex foreign relations of the U.S.

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Enbridge spill recalls dangers of pipeline

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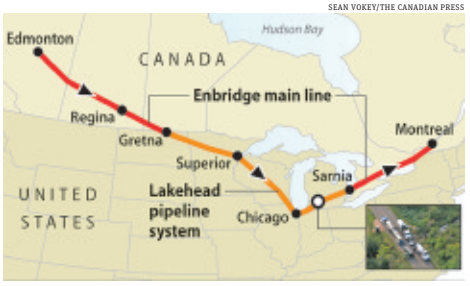

Canadian pipeline giant Enbridge says it has doubled the number of its workers responding to an oil spill that fouled a Michigan river and is setting up twice as many barricades in nearby waterways to contain the leaked crude.

"We, at Enbridge, are committing to clean up anything and everything that that oil has touched along the way," chief executive Pat Daniel told a news conference yesterday in Battle Creek, Mich., where he is overseeing the response to the spill.

"We're going to double our Enbridge workforce again today and we have sought, and will continue to seek, all expert advice and help as we can get, as well in ensuring this leak is properly contained and cleaned up," Daniel said.

Calgary-based Enbridge had more than 150 of its own employees working on the cleanup Tuesday, and several contractors.

Enbridge currently has nearly 4.3 kilometres of boom set up throughout the Kalamazoo River and Morrow Lake in order to keep the oil from spreading. There is another 9.5 kilometres available, said Steve Wuori, Enbridge's executive vice-president of liquids pipelines.

"We'll be deploying ... much of that today to 10 new sites along the river," he told the press conference yesterday.

Government scientists estimate between 356 million and 697 million litres of oil poured into the Gulf since a drilling rig working for BP exploded. By contrast, the Enbridge pipeline leaked three million litres, and isolation valves on the pipeline have been closed, stopping the flow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dirty Oil

1. A regulatory review is underway into Enbridge Inc.'s controversial Northern Gateway pipeline, which would connect Alberta oil to the B.C. coast, where it can then be exported abroad.
2. Enbridge says the $5.5-billion project, if built, will open up new markets for oilsands crude, particularly energy-hungry Asian economies.
3. Aboriginal groups and environmentalists are fighting hard against Northern Gateway, saying tanker traffic along B.C.'s north coast threatens fragile ecosystems there. They also worry a pipeline rupture could endanger northern B.C. rivers, which are key to local First Nations group economy and culture.
4. Enbridge Energy Partners said it is buying the Elk City Gathering and Processing system from Atlas Pipeline Partners in the Texas panhandle region. The price tag of the deal is $682 million US.

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▶ Mickal Vogt of Covington, La., uses a stick to place tar balls in a jar that washed up on the shore in Orange Beach, Ala., earlier this year. Beaches along the Gulf Coast issued nearly 10 times as many closing and advisory days as last year, according to the U.S. Natural Resources Defence Council's annual report on beach water quality, which was released yesterday.

Incoming BP CEO pledges to stay in the Gulf

BP could be fined $4.8 billion under the Clean Water Act and $18.8 billion if found to be willfully neglectful

BP officials say they are beginning to reinvent a company that reported a record $17-billion quarterly loss and is navigating the politically fraught task of restoring the Gulf of Mexico.

The company named its first American CEO Tuesday during its quarterly earnings call, while its outgoing chief, who has been repeatedly criticized for other verbal miscues, miffed the White House anew on his way out.

Robert Dudley, who will replace Tony Hayward Oct. 1, promised changes.

One certain change is BP will become smaller. It announced it will sell $30 billion in assets and has set aside $32.2 billion to cover costs from the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Hayward will leave BP with benefits valued at more than $18 million.

He told reporters he had been "demonized and vilified" but had no major regrets about his leadership.

"Life isn't fair," he said, but he conceded that wasn't the point. "BP cannot move on in the U.S. with me as its leader."

The White House was not impressed with Hayward's comments.

"What's not fair is what's happened on the Gulf," press secretary Robert Gibbs said.

"What's not fair is the actions of some have caused the greatest environmental disaster that our country has ever seen."

BP chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg said the company's priority was to stop the Gulf leak permanently, clean up the spill and compensate people whose livelihoods have been lost.

But he added the company was determined to restore value to shareholders, whose dividends were axed by BP under U.S. political pressure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ship lost in 1853 discovered

Arctic archaeologists say they have found one of the vessels lost in the search for the Franklin expedition.

Parks Canada officials say they have discovered the wreck of HMS Investigator.

The British vessel was abandoned in 1853 in the western Arctic while trying to find out what happened to Sir John Franklin and his crew.

The ship, considered one of the great prizes of maritime archaeology, was discovered in Mercy Bay on Banks Island.

The Investigator, along with many other ships involved in the search for Franklin, helped explore the Northwest Passage.

Parks Canada is in the middle of a multi-year search for the remains of the Franklin expedition.

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▶ HMS Investigator is shown on the north coast of Baring Island in the Arctic in this 1851 drawing.

Fuel. Shortage

▶ A motorist pays for a plastic container filled with gasoline yesterday amid shortages in Athens, Greece.

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Fuel up before it's gone

Gas shortages occurred in Greece when fuel-truck drivers went on strike to protest an overhaul of licensing rules. Negotiations between the striking union and the government ended in deadlock yesterday.

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Fires blaze through Calif.

Firefighters yesterday braced for strong afternoon winds at the sites of two wildfires north of Los Angeles that have burned about 40 homes, threatened at least 150 more and forced some 2,300 people to evacuate.

The two blazes in mostly rural Kern County remained out of control after scorching more than 67 square kilometres of hilly pine forests and chaparral.

A blaze that erupted Tuesday 16 kilometres southeast of Tehachapi destroyed 30 to 40 homes and threatened the remaining 150 homes in the tiny community of Old West Ranch.

Homes in the eastern foothills of the Tehachapi Mountains were smouldering early yesterday, with one structure appearing to have collapsed in on itself. A singed wooden banister was the only piece of the home left standing. A whitish-yellow haze of smoke covered the blackened ground.

About 250 firefighters from several different agencies were battling the 500-hectare blaze, along with water-dropping aircraft. Crews worked through the night to bulldoze firelines and burn firebreaks.

Meanwhile, firefighters made progress yesterday against the largest of more than 150 lightning-sparked fires in Northern California. The blaze was expected to be fully contained by the end of the day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The number of homes that have been destroyed by two wildfires north of Los Angeles. At least 150 more homes were threatened and 2,300 people evacuated.

▶ A young couple cool themselves yesterday in a fountain at the Exhibition Center in Moscow. A heat wave has enveloped central Russia for three weeks, breaking all records for the last 130 years.

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Harmful smog blankets Moscow

Record temperatures and forest fires combine to raise toxic pollutants to deadly levels ◗ Environmentalists warn of inevitable casualties

A cloud of harmful smog has enveloped Moscow, raising airborne pollutants to four times the norm, officials said yesterday, and prompting doctors to urge residents to stay indoors as the city swelters in a record heat wave.

Officials have said the smog, which has plunged the Kremlin and other famous landmarks into a dull haze for days, is the capital's worst since 2002. The cloud has drifted in from dozens of peat bog and forest fires in rural land south and east of the city, Emergencies Ministry officials have said.

Health officials have urged Muscovites who have to venture outside to don face masks to ward off the worst of the poisonous carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and carbolic acid particles in the smog.

"There will be sad news for some people with severe allergies, heart conditions, asthma, other breathing conditions and the like."
VLADIMIR KUZNETSOV, ACTING HEAD OF THE INDEPENDENT CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

And all the while, the city has been sizzling in record temperatures.

While Moscow routinely has hot summers, this year has been a record-breaker, with daily maximums around 35 C for two weeks. The all-time high of 37.5 C was set Monday,

Some Soviet-era housing in Moscow has such poor insulation that apartments offer little reprieve. The majority of Russian offices — especially businesses that cannot afford a spot in steel-and-glass office buildings — have no air conditioning.

With the smog and heat, mortality rates among risk groups are sure to spiral, said Vladimir Kuznetsov, acting head of the Independent Center for Environmental Policy.

While the heat, which is relatively mild for the U.S. but unusual in northern Europe, is expected to ease in the coming days, the smog could be around for weeks, Kuznetsov said.

In 2002, hundreds in Moscow were killed by similar smog.

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Off the rails

- On Moscow's subway system, which serves at least eight million people per day, temperatures at some stations have sparked angry exchanges between consumer watchdogs and transport officials over the lack of adequate air conditioning.

China besieged by heaviest flooding in a decade

Floods caused by heavy rains in northeastern China stranded tens of thousands of residents without power yesterday, as the worst flooding in more than a decade continued to besiege many areas of the country.

About 30,000 residents in Kouqian town were trapped in their homes after torrential rains drenched the northeastern province of Jilin yesterday, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heavy toll

- Floods this year have killed at least 928 people and left more than 477 missing, causing in the tens of billions of dollars in damage, the State Flood Control and Drought Prevention office reported.

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Enrolling in the school of hard locks

Contests involve disassembling and reassembling locks or picking handcuffs before attempting to defeat a set of locks

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▶ A student attempts to pick a lock under the instruction of competitive lockpicker Schuyler Towne during a class in Somerville, Mass, earlier this month.

Schuyler Towne took a gleaming brass lock, inserted a small bent piece of flat steel into the keyhole and gently applied finger pressure. Then he slid in a lockpick and manipulated the mechanism until it swung open.

In less than 20 seconds.

Towne, 26, is not a burglar. He's a lockpicking instructor and part of a growing competitive movement called locksport that involves learning the theory of locks, analyzing the devices and figuring out ways to quickly defeat the systems without destroying them.

While lockpickers thrive on the intellectual thrill of beating all sorts of locks, they oppose attempts to use the skill for mischievous purposes and have laid down universal ethical guidelines:

"You never pick a lock you don't own and you never pick a lock that's in regular use," Towne said.

Some lockpickers observe a code of responsible disclosure by providing manufacturers information on weaknesses they discover in locks they defeat — just like responsible computer hackers do when they detect security flaws in software.

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"Nothing makes me happier than sitting down across from another person and attempting to open a lock faster than they can."
SCHUYLER TOWNE, LOCKPICKING INSTRUCTOR

Interest picks up

- John Loughlin of Stanton Concepts LLC, a Stanton, N.J.-based company that designs and licenses high-end security lock technology, said lockpicking clubs are popping up at universities, colleges and local neighbourhoods.
- Loughlin said 60,000 members belong to the online club Lockpicking 101 and another, Locksport International, had 14 chapters in the U.S. and Canada in 2009.

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New listings boost profits at stock exchange

TSX set a record trading volume in May with 1.6 million trades, besting previous mark set in 2008

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▶ Thomas Kloet

TMX Group Inc. reported slightly improved second-quarter profits and revenue as a greater number of new companies listed on Canada's largest stock exchange.

Thomas Kloet, chief executive of the stock exchange operator, told analysts in a conference call yesterday that the main exchange logged 45 new issuers during the second quarter, of which 28 were initial public offerings. "On a year-to-date basis there were 94 new listings on TSX, which outpaced the same period in 2009 by more than 150 per cent," he said.

TSX Venture Exchange posted 43 new issuers in the quarter, bringing its tally to 81 new issuers for the year, he added.

TMX Group's net income in the second quarter was $47.6 million, or 64 cents per common share — up two per cent from a year before.

Revenue increased by three per cent to $142.7 million.

In recent years, the exchange has competed against new entrants in the market, including the Alpha trading system for large-volume issues, the Canadian National Stock Exchange and alternative trading systems.

Alpha Group was launched by investors that include the brokerage arms of Canada's six biggest banks, and it has led a highly competitive march by charging lower trading fees.

The TMX Group responded by slashing its securities trading fees earlier this year for both its main exchange and the Venture Exchange, and unleashed an incentive program for companies with high volume trades.

Kloet said in the second quarter there was a surge of activity in derivatives trading at the Montreal Exchange, where volumes increased by 32 per cent over last year.

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Crude, gas supplies on the rise: U.S. feds

U.S. crude inventories rose last week and gasoline supplies grew as well, the government said yesterday.

Crude inventories increased by 7.3 million barrels to 360.8 million barrels, which is 3.7 per cent above year-ago levels, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said in its weekly report. Analysts expected a drop of 2.3 million barrels for the week ended July 23, according to a survey by Platts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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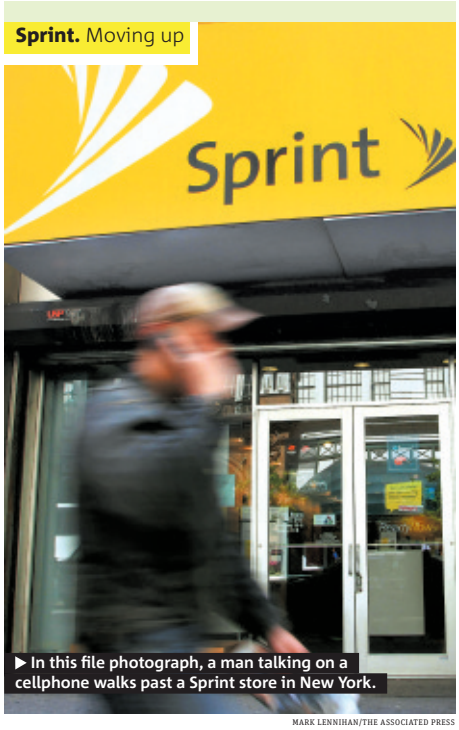
The amount in barrels that gasoline inventories rose. That was below analysts' expectations for a rise of 1.1 million barrels and 4.3 per cent above year-ago levels.



▶ In this file photograph, a man talking on a cellphone walks past a Sprint store in New York.

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Sprint gains subscribers

Sprint Nextel gained subscribers in its latest quarter, the first such gain in three years as it continued to improve customer service and retention yesterday.

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Media company's income up

Torstar Corp. says the strong Canadian dollar limited its revenue growth in the second quarter, but cost-cutting and a modest improvement in advertising sales helped improve the publishing company's bottom line.

"We felt that we had a solid quarter in the operations given the current economic environment," Torstar president and CEO David Holland said.

Net income for the media company was $22.7 million, or 29 cents per share — a vast improvement from the year-earlier period, when Torstar had a $4.4-million loss or six cents per share. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Self-tender plan put forward

Casey's General Stores approved a $500-million US recapitalization plan to repurchase a quarter of its shares instead of accepting a $1.9-billion hostile takeover bid from Alimentation Couche-Tard.

The self-tender would allow the convenience store chain to repurchase its shares at one price. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sherritt reports Q2 profit

Sherritt International Corp. reported yesterday a second-quarter profit of $15.7 million, down from last year's earnings of $24.4 million after the company booked a large one-time charge.

Five cents per share, compared with eight cents per share in the second-quarter of 2009 was the increase. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Corporate earnings advance world stocks

- Canon's net profit quadrupled
- Increases from Japan's automakers

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▶ A man watches an electronic stock indicator in Tokyo yesterday. Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average outpaced Asia's gains with a 1.9 per cent jump to 9,675.47.

Markets have been rattled lately by figures pointing to a slowdown in the U.S., but analysts say initial fears that the world's No. 1 economy was heading toward a second recession have subsided.

"Two weeks ago, people were wondering whether the U.S. was slipping back into a double dip," said Howard Gorges, vice-chairman of South China Brokerage in Hong Kong. "In fact, corporate results are very good. The market is starting to get the message that the economy is not so bad. It's not a pretty picture, but it seems to be a slowly improving outlook that's ahead."

China's central bank also said it believes the mainland's economy is unlikely to suffer a "double dip," or relapse into a slowdown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JOHN MAZEROLLE

I told myself that if I complained about my 171-pound weight in a column, I might seem vain and ridiculous. Then I came to an important realization: I weigh 182 pounds.

This is a crisis. How did this happen? I tried all the weight-loss tricks: Bending my knees so the scale's dial settles somewhere lighter; stepping off to make sure the red line lines up with zero; getting naked and breathing out really hard.

But it's official: I'm overweight.

I've gained 60 pounds in 10 years, slowly, inexorably, like an ever-encroaching wave of zombies. I might shoot a cheeseburger between the eyes, but there's an ice cream cone right behind it, heading straight for my mid-section.

What if it doesn't stop? At this rate, I'll die weighing 380 pounds. The funeral director will have to refill the embalming fluid — one final time that I'll be the cause of an empty keg.

I know I'm not fat. I have overweight friends who would eat me whole if I even suggested it. (And if anyone fat finds that offensive, well, try to catch me.)

What can I say? I'm vain. First of all, I'm in Toronto, where there are no fat people. Or at least they all stay inside, ashamed that they can't fit into our over-packed streetcars.

"My latest 10 pounds was largely due to unemployment. It's the ultimate testament to our society that poverty and weight gain go hand in hand."

Second, I'm single. That automatically adds 35 pounds when you look in the mirror. They're only love handles if there's somebody to hold them.

And every married person knows the deal is you raise kids, grow gardens, and expand mid-sections. This gives you a nice protective cushion when you don't eat for the first two months after the divorce.

I need to lose weight and here's how: Make more money.

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My latest 10 pounds was largely due to unemployment. It's the ultimate testament to our society that poverty and weight gain go hand in hand. Something's wrong when fruit costs more than fast food.

In the near future, you'll need a layaway plan to buy raspberries, while promotional cheeseburgers will be handed out at street corners by women in tight shirts. (Their shirts are tight because everybody is fat.)

But now that I'm employed, I'll be able to buy all the healthy food I need to counter the Zombie Armageddon.

Or maybe I should eat less and exercise more — speaking of horrific futures.

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

She's just misunderstood

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What celebrity are you sick of hearing about?

DARTMOUTH, N.S. If I hear another word about "poor" little Lindsay Lohan I think I may actually vomit. Enough already!

She has been given so many chances and preferential treatment for so long she wouldn't know the real world if it walked up and slapped her across the face, which ain't such a bad idea!

STARR FRANCIS

TORONTO. I am sick of hearing about Lindsay Lohan and Amy Winehouse. Their names and pictures are constantly in the media. It's about time the media stop giving them so much attention. They are both a bunch of spoiled brats!

MICHAEL O'CONNELL

CALGARY. @rylynincalgary: I am sick of hearing about Lindsay Lohan. She needs to accept the fact that she is in jail and get her life straight.

HALIFAX. @aofspadesorion: Apparently @metrohalifax heard my pleas to shut the hell up about Lindsay Lohan ... A-la "What celebrity are you sick of hearing about?"

TORONTO. Lindsay Lohan.

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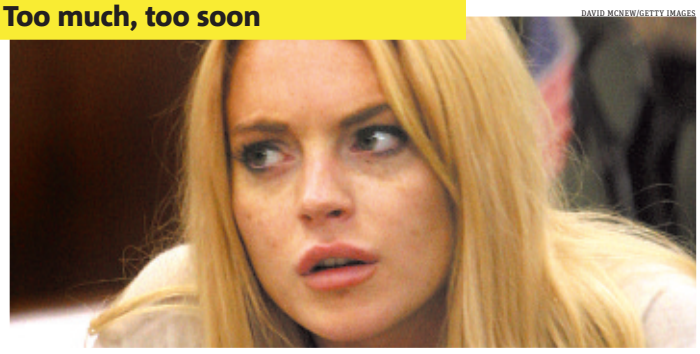

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▶ Alternative Arts is located at 491 Bloor St. W.

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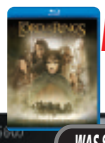

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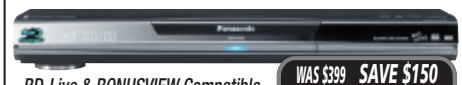

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Singer Adam Levine on his band's new album, performing on live television and the unifying power of Google

Get your 'Hands All Over' Maroon 5

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▶ Maroon 5 perform in New York City earlier this month.

It's hard to believe that Maroon 5 is only releasing their third album.

The band have been on America's radar since the pop perfection of This Love slowly wormed its way into our consciousness somewhere between its release in 2002, climbing the charts in 2004 and winning a Grammy in 2006.

Singer Adam Levine also seems surprised that Hands All Over, which comes out in September, is only their third proper release. "It feels like our tenth," he says.

You've never been afraid of being explicit, and there are a few suggestive phrases in Misery, the leadoff single. The album cover is pretty racy, too. Is there anything that makes your bandmates say, "That's a bit much, Adam"?

I think that I'm a bit more overt in a lot of ways. But I think the band is OK with that ... They've reeled me in a ton, trust me. I've censored myself too. But sometimes it's good to kind of have checks and balances.

Let's talk a little bit about that album cover. That's a new direction for you guys to go in. It's almost psychedelic.

Our manager just Googled the phrase Hands All Over, just for the hell of it, and the first thing that came up was this amazing woman and her photo art. I guess she had named it Hands All Over just coincidentally. And we talked to her (Rosie Hardy) when we saw this photo and we said, "Oh my gosh, can we use this for our record?" And she was delighted. And it's so cool because it's hopefully launching her career now. She's very, very talented. She's 18 years old. Can you imagine having that happen to you? It must be an incredible feeling. I've never really spoken to her, but it's so cool. That's one of the good things about the Internet. It's one of those things that kind of just brings people together, and art, too.

'All Over' cable TV

You're kicked off your tour with a benefit for the Garden of Dreams Foundation that was televised on (U.S. cable network) Fuse. Does having cameras capturing your kickoff show change your approach to the performance?

I'm actually a little bit nervous. Live TV, you never know. Things could go horribly wrong, but that's kind of what makes it exciting. ... The goal is to keep it intimate and awesome. No matter where you are, to make it feel like a club even if it's an arena.

Did the title Hands All Over have anything to do with the Soundgarden song of that name? The music you make doesn't sound like you'd be Soundgarden fans.

No, it was completely different, it was totally coincidental. That's like back in the day, I think that's on Louder Than Love. ... I mean, we have really eclectic tastes. I grew up with Soundgarden and Pearl Jam and Nirvana and all those bands. ... So probably subconsciously somewhere in the back of my mind.

Hands All Over

Hands All Over is the upcoming album from Maroon 5

2 scene

News in brief

A familiar face may be on the verge of returning to American Idol.

According to a person close to the show, So You Think You Can Dance judge Nigel Lythgoe is in talks to come back to Fox's American Idol next season in the producing role he left two years ago.

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Survivor is going to exploit the generation gap

Jolie concerned for North Koreans

Angelina Jolie says she's worried about the people of North Korea, particularly the persecution defectors face when repatriated to the reclusive state.

Jolie was in Seoul on yesterday to promote her latest action thriller, Salt, which opens with a scene that takes place in a North Korean prison.

Jolie, who serves as a goodwill ambassador for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said she got a tutorial on the plight of North Korean defectors from Seoul-based officials from the UN refugee agency.

"They spoke a lot about the concerns about people being persecuted when they are sent back to North Korea," she said. "I'm very concerned about the people."

Tens of thousands of people from impoverished North Korea have migrated to neighbouring China in recent years, activists say. Many are sent back as part of an agreement between North Korea and China.

Some 19,000 have made it to South Korea.

"I learned today about them gaining citizenship and crossing into South Korea," Jolie told reporters. "The UNHCR practices quiet diplomacy in which they do more than they talk about."

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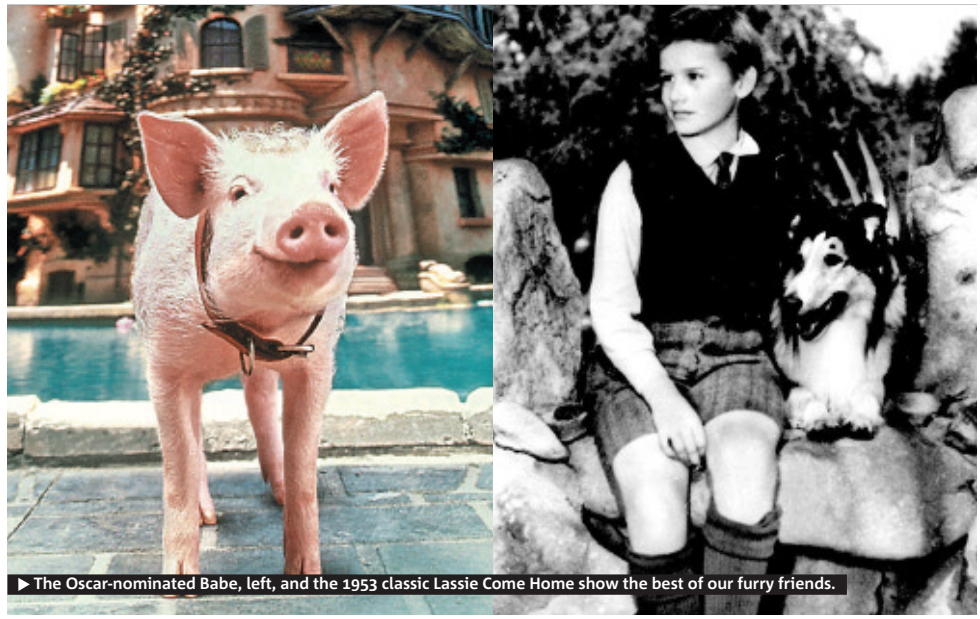
Woof like me: The best of screen animals

They came, we saw, they conquered our hearts In honour of Friday's Cats and Dogs sequel, here are five films that deserve two paws up



▶ The Oscar-nominated Babe, left, and the 1953 classic Lassie Come Home show the best of our furry friends.

The cats and dogs of Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore have all kinds of super-spy gadgetry and training at their disposal: jet-packs, tricked-out collars, the works. But they come from a long and lovable tradition of live-action animal movies — ones that were simpler and sweeter. Here's a look at five that the show the best of animals:

Babe (1995)

This is a movie about a talking pig — a talking pig, people! — that was nominated for seven Academy Awards, including best picture and best actor for James Cromwell. (It won one, for visual effects.) That's how good it is. Director and co-writer Chris Noonan's film about a pig who learns how to herd sheep is so sweet, so funny, so unexpectedly touching, it never hits a false note. As voiced by Christine Cavanaugh, Babe might just be the most earnest, most adorable creature ever.

My Dog Skip (2000)

Just writing the name of the movie makes me want to tear up. Seriously, there is no way to get through this thing without bawling — I dare you to try. Several powerful forces are at work here: an insanely cute Frankie Muniz as our shy, nine-year-old hero; the idea of a dog being your only real friend when you're a lonely, insecure kid; and of course, Skip himself, a lovable, scruffy Jack Russell terrier.

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Canuck canine

While speaking of cute — and resourceful —animals on films, one cannot forget the enduring Canadian contribution to lovable creatures on screen: The Littlest Hobo. Yeah, it was a TV series but was actually based on a little-known 1958 American film. The show, featuring a German Shepherd who goes from town to town helping people in need, originally aired in 1963 but was then revived on CTV in 1979 for a popular six-season run.

Lassie Come Home (1943)

Maybe it's because I had a collie as a little girl, but I can walk into this movie at any point and find tears streaming down my face within seconds. It's a classic, of course, featuring a young Roddy McDowell and Elizabeth Taylor (and it was remade pretty faithfully a few years ago with Peter O'Toole and Samantha Morton).

The Black Stallion (1979)

It's scary and thrilling, amusing and inspirational — which means it has all the ingredients for a perfect family film. And that Arabian horse creates such a striking figure, you can't help but be in awe of its majesty.

Every Which Way But Loose (1978)

Goofy, but kinda irresistible in its self-awareness. You have to love Clint Eastwood toying with his tough-guy image by playing ... a tough guy whose best friend is an orangutan.

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Ready for more Snooki?

REAL DEAL. Get ready for a new round of fist pumps and spray tan. That's right — Season 2 of Jersey Shore debuts tonight and this time, the gruff guidos and guidettes are in Miami. Snooki, The Situation, Pauly D and the rest of the crass crew head south when a snow storm strikes Jersey. Says Snooki in a promo: "We're ready to come out and destroy this place."

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▶ Jersey Shore
Reality series
MTV

Rookie episode a shocker

GUEST STARS GALORE. K.C. Collins (Crash & Burn), Roberta Maxwell (Brokeback Mountain) and Paul Soles (The Incredible Hulk) guest star on Rookie Blue, airing on Global. Tonight's episode features a lovers' quarrel between Andy and Luke and a fatal traffic collision that reveals "a shocking truth."

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▶ Rookie Blue
Drama
Global

Party crashers embrace spotlight

▶ Michaele Salahi takes centre stage in Bravo's Real Housewives of D.C. ▶ Relives incident in first episode

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▶ Michael Salahi, left, talks to a reporter

Michaele Salahi is ready to move on. She's sure the U.S. president is, too, because he's joked about her and her husband's infamous gate-crashing episode. And so she thinks the judicial system should be ready to move on, as well.

"To be honest, I don't know where it's at," she told The Associated Press Monday of the criminal investigation by a federal grand jury, which still could lead to prison time for the party-going, polo-loving couple from Virginia wine country. "But our attorneys have said to go on with our lives."

"And if the president and vice-president are joking about it," she added, "I think they're ready to move forward, too."

Certainly the Salahis are taking their attorneys' advice. Far from staying quietly out of the spotlight, they are happily promoting the Aug. 5 debut of Bravo's Real Housewives of D.C., in which, judging from the first episode, Michaele takes centre stage — along with the incident that got her into trouble. (A teaser for a later episode shows Salahi in a limo in her famous red sari, speaking excitedly into a cellphone, apparently about the state dinner she is about to, well, crash.)

"I can't wait!" Salahi said in a telephone interview Monday. "This is full circle for me. I think the world will see that we're not just about that one night. We're not just two people who went to a dinner."

In fact, all these months later, Salahi professes still not to understand why so much attention was paid to that one incident last November. "It must have been a slow news week," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Suburban soundtrack

Arcade Fire
Album: The Suburbs
Label: Merge
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Six years is a long life for an independent band, especially one that was as hyped as Arcade Fire was when they released their debut disc in 2004. But here we are, their third album is out on Tuesday and they're still as big as ever.

The secret to their success isn't so much a secret, they've just managed to do two things that most band's fail at: Make good music and put on an incredible live show. Third discs are often a letdown, especially if the second one is really good, but not in this case.

The Montreal six-piece has once again written a brilliant record and while they've tweaked their sound they haven't gone off the rails. The first thing you'll notice is that The Suburbs is more subdued than their previous discs, but not by much. They've toned down the excess sounds and only threw in what made sense. It's also their most diverse record — the rocker Month of May is straight out of Neil Young's songbook; the bouncy Deep Blue draws more from Paul McCartney. The music is still dark, with blasts of deep bass drums, Springsteen-like ambition and new wave-y melodies, but it's more refined. If the band keeps this up, nothing will stop them.

Outstanding track: Month of May

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Best Coast
Album: Crazy For You
Label: NPG
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Though it arrives halfway through the season, Best Coast's debut epitomizes the perfect summer record. Everything down to the cover, which features band leader Bethany Cosentino's cat, suggests, to quote one chorus, "there's something about the summer." While earlier recordings were rife with an asphyxiating lo-fi muffle, the band made the right choice going for a cleaner sound. Concise, hook-driven and filler-free, this has enough solar power to keep you going through winter. **Outstanding track:** Each & Everyday

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Seu Jorge
Album: Seu Jorge and Almaz
Label: Now Again
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Seu Jorge may be the most unlikely Brazilian to crack the North American market. He spent seven years homeless, he often doesn't sing in English, he plays a pop samba combo, and his deep voice takes some getting used to. His latest is a collection of Brazilian and English covers all done in his slow, plodding way. His version of Michael Jackson's Rock With You is a must hear — he turns the upbeat disco classic into a sultry Barry White-like version. **Outstanding track:** Rock With You

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Wavves
Album: King of the Beach
Label: Fat Possum
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If the Beach Boys were drowning under a sea of fuzzy, grungy guitars they'd sound like Wavves. The brainchild of Nathan Williams, Wavves' third disc is a distorted mess that veers from straight-up indie rock to layered, harmony laden Wilson-like tunes. Williams graduates from two chord lo-fi rock into fully realized songs. Linus Spacehead is a scorching track; opener King of the Beach is a poppy, jangly number. **Outstanding track:** When Will You Come

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

A headbanger's journey

Slayer teams with Megadeath for Canadian Carnage tour Bands set to perform most lauded albums

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Canada's metal contingent have been waiting a long time for this.

The aptly-titled Canadian Carnage tour finally hits the Molson Amphitheatre tonight after months of on-again/off-again ordeals.

Initially slated for November 2009, Canadian Carnage features extreme music progenitors Slayer and Megadeth performing a string of co-headlining shows. Due to internal issues however, Slayer had been forced to cancel and reschedule twice over the past nine months.

"Tom (Araya, bassist/vocalist) had neck surgery," guitarist Kerry King relates about the band's unfortunate circumstances which caused them to stave off shows. Years of Araya's unique stage performance — drooping his head and spinning his hair erratically — eventually wound up creating a pain-inducing medical condition dubbed Cervical Radiculopathy that prevented him from performing.

"It's a co-headlining bill but we close the show ... Not that we're bigger than anyone."
KERRY KING

"At first he was trying to avoid surgery by doing other things to get better but that didn't work," King continues. "The first postponement was hoping he'd get better but eventually he had to take the ultimate route. He's pain-free now but he had to change the way he plays. He can perform and sing but can't headbang. I still catch him though. He knows he's not supposed to but it's second nature. I see it and I'm like, 'What the hell are you doing?'"

Problem solved, Araya's back and able to continue with Canadian Carnage, a tour that also boasts both bands performing their most lauded albums entirely. Slayer will run through their genre-defining 1990 effort Seasons In The Abyss as Megadeth celebrate the 20th anniversary of their own landmark effort Rust In Peace.

"We've only done it twice so far and both times it was unannounced," King reveals about performing the pivotal release. "With this tour, we're doing an hour and 10 minutes so aside from Seasons..., we're only able to play five other songs. That gets tough. We're doing two new songs (from latest effort, 2009's World Painted Blood) so that only leaves three or four historic songs other than the stuff from Seasons.... As long as it's not (1986's Reign In Blood) anymore."

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▶ Slayer performs tonight at the Molson Amphitheatre

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A unique duo

▶ The Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin

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Condoleezza Rice is no stranger to the whims of royalty. So when the Queen of Soul herself, Aretha Franklin, decided the two should get together to play a song or two for charity, it was decreed.

The former U.S. secretary of state and Franklin took the stage Tuesday evening at Philadelphia's Mann Music Center in a rare duet for Rice, the classically trained pianist, and Franklin, the soulful voice of a generation. Their aim was to raise money for urban children and awareness for music and the arts.

"It is a joint effort for the inner-city youth of Philadelphia and Detroit," Franklin told The Associated Press the night before their concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra. Their appearance in the three-hour concert before an estimated crowd of 8,000 overflowed with Franklin's catalogue of hits and arias from the world of opera and classical music.

"We decided to give it a try," Franklin said. "So here we are, in the city of Brotherly — and Sisterly — Love."

Rice, better known as a diplomat and national security adviser, accompanied Franklin singing her hit I Say A Little Prayer as well as My Country 'Tis of Thee. Rice said she practiced furiously for her performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto in D Minor with the orchestra.

Rice's given name is derived from the Italian opera stage instruction con dolcezza, meaning "with sweetness." Long a musician of note, she played from elementary school through college and beyond, in quartets and performing chamber music. She has even played with cellist Yo-Yo Ma. But, she said this was "the first time I've played with an orchestra since I was 18."

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Bruni acts it up in Allen flick

Eccentric American director cast French first lady for small role in romantic comedy ◐ Canadian McAdams also staring in Midnight in Paris

IAN GAVAN/GETTY IMAGES

▶ France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy was cast in Woody Allen's latest project.

France's first lady, a former supermodel turned songstress, is making her debut as an actress, filming this week in Woody Allen's Midnight in Paris.

Even her busy husband, President Nicolas Sarkozy, wasn't about to miss the action. He showed up on the Left Bank set Tuesday, in dark suit but no tie, to watch his spouse in her latest creative venture.

Allen, beloved by the French, recruited Carla Bruni-Sarkozy last fall for what is said to be a small role in the romantic comedy which follows a family travelling in Paris for business. France's first lady reportedly plays a museum director.

Tuesday's scenes were shot in the heart of the Left Bank, near the Pantheon, the resting place of many of France's luminaries.

In November, when she announced her plans to accept Allen's offer of a role, the 42-year-old Bruni-Sarkozy had said she was unsure of her acting skills.

"I'm not at all an actress. Maybe I'll be absolutely terrible," she said in an interview with Canal Plus TV station.

"I'd like to — you know — when I'm a grandmother, to have done a Woody Allen film. I cannot in my life miss an opportunity like this."

CARLA BRUNI-SARKOZY

However, she said she couldn't pass up the chance to play in a Woody Allen film.

"I'd like to — you know — when I'm a grandmother, to have done a Woody Allen film," said Bruni-Sarkozy, who has a son from a relationship before Sarkozy. "I cannot in my life miss an opportunity like this."

Bruni-Sarkozy is not the only French actress in the film, which also features Oscar-winning actress Marion Cotillard.

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Artistic life

- **Carla Bruni-Sarkozy** had a small role in the 1994 Robert Altman film Pret-a-Porter (Ready to Wear) and the 1998 move Paparazzi,' by Alain Berberian, each time playing herself. Her sister Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi is an actress and director.
- **As first lady,** Bruni-Sarkozy has kept her artistic life and star status mostly on the back burner. She did release a new album two years ago, though refused to tour and gives royalties to the Foundation of France.

Allen takes a liking to first lady

Woody Allen is clearly a fan of the first lady.

When he was asked what famous person he would like to see act, the Dalai Lama or the queen of England, he replied: "Carla Bruni", according to the first lady's website. "She has charisma and she's used to appearing on stage. I could give her any role at all," the site quotes the director as saying.

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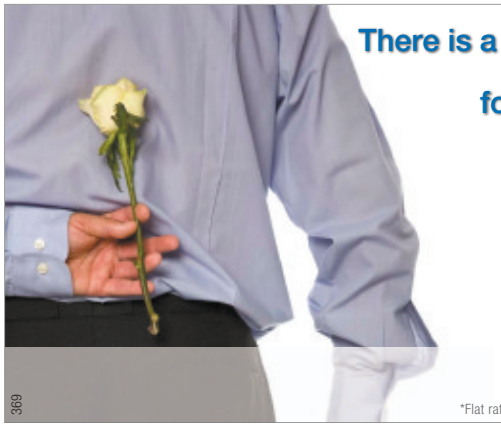

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Speaking to cops? Now that's progress

Mel Gibson talks to the police about his extortion claims against ex Oksana Probe still on for abuse allegations against Aussie actor

A sheriff's official says Mel Gibson has met with detectives to discuss his claims that his ex-girlfriend attempted to extort money from him.

Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says the interview occurred Sunday. He says detectives only spoke to the Academy Award-winner about his claims against ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva.

The sheriff's department is also investigating claims by Grigorieva that Gibson abused her during a January confrontation.

Stephen Jaffe, a spokesman for Grigorieva, declined comment on the meeting. The 40-year-old Russian singer denied the extortion allegations to celebrity photographers in video shot Friday.

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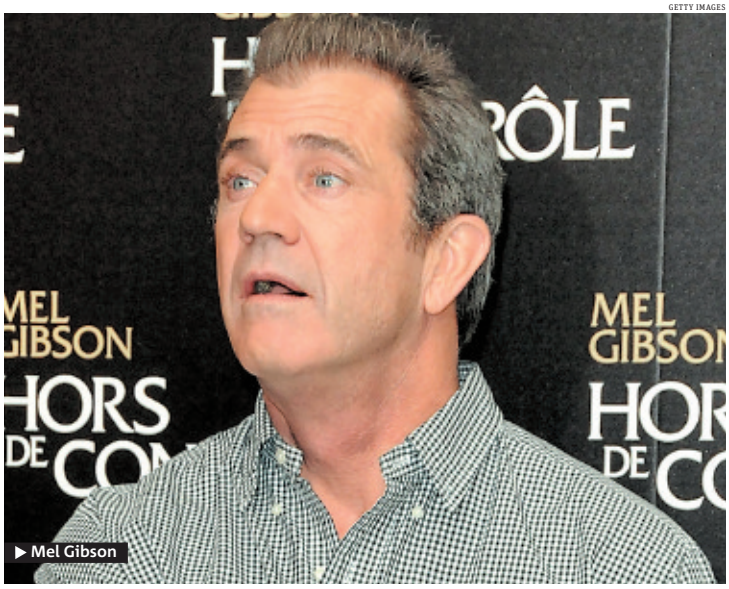

▶ Mel Gibson

▶ Ron Wood

Rolling Stone Wood bringing own art to American museum

Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood is coming to Ohio with a different kind of solo show, spotlighting his paintings and other art.

The Butler Institute of American Art says the exhibition opening is the first for Wood at a major American museum.

The 63-year-old British musician plans to be at the museum for a reception on the show's opening day, Sept. 21.

Butler chief curator and director Louis Zona describes Wood's art style as lively and appealing. The museum notes that the rocker picked up a paint brush at the age of 12, before he started playing guitar.

The exhibition includes 30 of Wood's paintings, 22 pen-and-pencil drawings and seven mixed-media works.

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Talking points

Baby Bloom in Miranda?

PREGNANCY RUMOURS. There's apparently a reason Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom tied the knot so soon after getting engaged: Kerr is pregnant, sources tell Us Weekly. "She's definitely pregnant. Miranda's thrilled," a source close to Kerr says. "She's telling all her friends — mostly other models — about it." The pair recently returned from a quick honeymoon in the Caribbean, where they were married after a month of engagement.

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Post-jail rehab on LiLo's mind

WHAT, ME WORRY?. While she's in jail now, Lindsay Lohan is already thinking about what comes next: a mandatory three-month stay in rehab, her lawyer tells People magazine. "She's a little upset right now," attorney Shawn Chapman Holley says. "She'd like to spend some time with her family, and there's at least some question as to whether or not she'll have to go directly to rehab."

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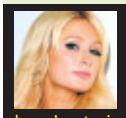
Celebrity tweets

Conan O'Brien [@Conan-OBrien] Angelina Jolie is joining Twitter. If she thinks she can lure away my core audience of young male teens she ..... I'm screwed.

Billy Ray Cyrus [@billyray-cyrus] Yes I'm still here. What is your Question?



Paris Hilton [@Paris-Hilton] Love the villa we're staying at in Ibiza. It's so modern and has such great style. It even has it's own night club in it. Amazing!

Lily Allen [@lilyrose-allen] I want to be amish. They seem so happy.

Zac has wild night in L.A.

STRIPPER ACTION?. While girlfriend Vanessa Hudgens was back in California, Zac Efron reportedly hit the town with High School Musical co-star Corbin Bleu, spending more than $2,000 at New York strip club Flashdancers the night before the premiere of his latest film, Charlie St. Cloud, according to Page Six. "They ordered one bottle of Belvedere vodka and were enthralled with the dancers," a source says.

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News in brief

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Will you remember your PIN number next time you're in the store?

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▶ Model walks the runway at the Trina Turk 2011 fashion show during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim earlier this month in Miami Beach, Fla. (Pictured above and right).

Fashion headliners

From fedoras to boater hats, headwear is hip on the 2010 runway. Style and health experts agree: Hats are the supreme summer accessory.

Hats for women were the fashion headliners on all the spring/summer 2010 runways.

From fedoras to boater hats to wide-brimmed ones and pork-pie caps, headwear topped off every outfit floating down the catwalk.

Not only are hats the summer accessory, but they have a noble purpose too: protecting your head and face from harmful UV rays. And everyone wants to stay stylish while staying healthy.

A hat can also do wonders in keeping you cool on stiflingly hot days, which, gauging from the summer thus far, we're likely to have many more of in the coming month.

According to Karyn Gingras, owner and chief designer of Toronto's Lilliput Hats, fedoras, pork pie hats and caps in hemp, linen and fine breathable straw are the biggest hits this season as are hats in bold colours, including royal blue, coral, yellow.

"Try on a lot of them. Have fun, step out of your comfort zone for a minute and consider that wearing a hat makes you special"
KARYN GINGRAS, OWNER AND CHIEF DESIGNER OF LILLIPUT HATS

"The fedora continues to be a strong shape," explains Gingras. "It's sexy, casual and keeps the sun off." Gingras is pleased to report that more and more people are embracing stylish hats. "Thankfully, I see fewer baseball caps (on men and women)," she adds.

The most breathable materials for summer are lightweight linen and hemp. Gingras also uses 100 per cent natural straw in many of her hats, tightly woven for maximum sun protection.

If you're a bit shy when it comes to donning a hat, heed Gingras's advice: "Try on a lot of them. Have fun, step out of your comfort zone for a minute and consider that wearing a hat makes you special."

HEATHER BUCHAN

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Lorane Hat, $85, Nobis (nobis.ca)
A linen fedora with a cotton plaid trim — perfect to pair with a t-shirt and jeans. Its quick-dry wicking sweatband makes it comfortable wearing on warm days.

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Becca Hat, $60, Nobis (nobis.ca)
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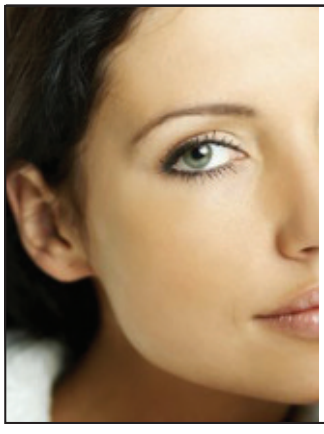

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DURO OLOWU
LIFE AFTER THE MEGA-HIT

Look hard at those ethnic prints in your favorite boutique and you might see Duro Olowu's influence.

You might recognize Duro Olowu's work before you recognize his name. His 2005 debut collection featured a vibrant, printed silk dress, now known as "The Duro." It was so chic, easy to wear and figure flattering, that fashion editors the world over declared it the dress of the year.

It was promptly knocked off by the high street megastores on down to the street vendors. But the copies only made the highly creative originals much more covetable.

Your work is pretty grounded in your Nigerian and Jamaican roots. What was your childhood like?

You know, we would come to London from Nigeria and buy the bell bottoms and cheese cloth shirts. I would listen to Jimi Hendrix and the Jackson 5 and my parents would listen to Ella Fitzgerald and Nina Simone. We would often go on holiday and my mother would buy all of these silks and take them back to her dressmaker.

Those silhouettes influenced me. She would mix up her Nigerian clothes with what we bought from Europe. And so I learned at a very young age, that what we were lacking in Africa was that kind of supple silk. Everything in Nigeria was made of these sharp fabrics like cotton. So I grew up with this obsession with transferring that cotton reel of cultures to silk.

You studied law, how did you end up transitioning into fashion?

Well to be really honest, my older brothers and sisters were sent to school in London and really messed up. (Laughs) I've never told anyone that. So I thought that the only way I was going to get to move to London for school was to study law.

I knew that my father, in particular, was not going to pay for me to go to [the fashion school] Central Saint Martens. When my parents visited, I would move all of my magazines out of the room and borrow my friends' law books. After school, I did my national service in the Army and then I moved to Paris and worked as an illustrator for designers. And through that, I kept meeting people, Azzedine Alaïa for example. And then I kind of learned and built a career over the course of seven years. It took time.

Your Duro dress has been copied and re-copied. Not to mention ethnic prints, your signature, are very trendy for summer.

It's good to have influenced things. On one hand it's flattering. But it's just annoying when it's badly done.

It's tough because I own my business 100 per cent you know. But it's really something when people refer to a dress using your name. It's a privilege.

Have you felt any pressure to live up to the popularity of that dress?

For me, the real pressure is the process of putting on a show and trying to get my message across in 15 minutes. There's always pressure, but I'm not 23. I know what I've gotten into.

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▶ Duro Olowu inside his new London store.

Fashion and art collide

Outside of his work as a designer, Duro Olowu is known for his close connection to the art world; he's married to New York's Studio Museum curator Thelma Golden and his London store sits in the same square as the famed White Cube gallery. He lists some of his favorite art haunts.

London: "The thing about London is that it has all of these fantastic museums like the Tate and Victoria & Albert. But there are also all of these amazing houses, such as Sir John Soane's Museum, with art collections that are open to the public and few people know about."

New York: "I love to go to Chelsea on a weekend and see people going from gallery to gallery. It's amazing to see a public that is so into seeing great art." METRO WORLD NEWS

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▶ Olympic snowboarder Shaun White, right, and his brother Jesse say they want to bring style to the masses with their apparel line for Target.

Design duo eye skater details

Olympic gold medalist Shaun White and brother Jesse pull together a look that is slightly retro, a little edgy for third year of apparel deal with Target.

Olympic gold medalist Shaun White and his brother Jesse hang out with young artists and skaters, surfers and snowboarders with a distinctive style that's a little bit retro, a little bit edgy and a whole lot of cool.

The White brothers say they want to bring that look to the masses - even if you're not artistic, can't skate to save your life or don't dream of waves or halfpipes. They are in the third year of an apparel deal with Target that now covers boys, young men and shoes.

▶ A hoodie from Shaun White's apparel line for Target.

"This is all about clothes our friends would wear," explains Jesse, who is the sketch artist here. He turns into tangible designs all the ideas Shaun collects from his worldwide travels. Shaun will also snap photos of passersby, which adds to the authenticity and street cred of the brand. "My trips turn into T-shirts," he says. (And there's a particular favourite shirt with his own dog wearing a pair of shades.)

On this day, "street" is what the Whites are wearing, too. Shaun has on ultra-skinny grey jeans, a V-neck T-shirt and dangling charm necklace, while Jesse wears black jeans and the new fat-lace, grey suede sneakers.

Shaun did go to a runway designer show in Milan, Italy, right after the Vancouver Games earlier this year. "I won't lie. It was weird," he says. And during one post-Olympic interview with Rolling Stone, Shaun immediately noticed the reporter wearing a plaid shirt from the line.

He readily admits that he didn't always have enviable attire.

"I fell into fashion as an older skateboarder. Before that, my clothes were lame. But now, can you imagine an eight-year-old without skater sneakers? Could you imagine him having to wear dress shoes?" Shaun asks.

The fashion savvy of kids has increased as they are exposed to events like the X Games and have style role models within their grasp to mimic, he says: "I now get outdressed by that eight-year-old."

Because they adapted the skater/boarder lifestyle so many years ago, the Whites have a keen eye for detail that others from the fashion side of the business might miss — but a kid never would, Jesse says. "We make our skateboard graphics look the right way. ... The sneaker has the right rubber compound. You have to be able to break the shoe in and break it in quickly. The toe shape has to work the way you flick your board."

Shaun adds: "You can tell if you see a skater impostor from a mile away."

The Whites say they like the affordability factor with Target — especially considering Shaun's fan base is likely to be among the after-school-job crowd — and that it's a store where a teenage boy would feel comfortable browsing the racks.

"You don't want it to be like the small guitar store that you go in and you feel like they're sizing you up," says Shaun.

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▶ Shaun White's shoe line for Target.

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Despite the compact size of the 850-square-foot, two-bedroom model unit at the Queen St. W. & Beverley St. development, designer Alessandro Munge used full-sized furniture throughout the suite to drive home the fact that functionality does not have to be elusive in condo life.

"Often in these small units you think, 'Oh my god, I can't fit a sofa,' so we wanted people to see they could invite people over — you've got a great carpet, a full couch. The proportions of the suite were important to me," Munge said.

Contrary to some designers, Munge preferred to have the kitchen take a backseat to the overall look of the suite because he didn't want it to dominate the space.

"In a modern open concept you need to be careful what you do with your kitchens. I find people get excited and overdo them. Our philosophy is they should blend into the interior, they shouldn't overpower the look of the suite," Munge said.

Unique, almost volcano-coloured veining on the counter top adds subtlety and depth with panelling on the dishwasher and fridge completing the muted look, drawing attention away from the appliances and helping the kitchen become an adornment to the suite rather than a focal point.

Munge hired local photographers to create unique art pieces that evoke different emotions in each room — in the master bedroom the feeling created by the artwork is one of welcoming peace, something Munge preserved by maintaining the use of natural finishes and colours in the room's design.

"Master bedrooms are a place of retreat, when you come home you just want to get your mind at ease and I feel the bedroom in this suite is a testament to that. There aren't lots of patterns or crazy colours for a reason, we want it to be as timeless as possible," Munge said.

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Rooftop Surfing

STEPHEN DUPUIS

Ten thousand of anything is a lot. When you're talking about condos, it's a lot of homebuyers showing a remarkable interest in Toronto's high-rise housing market. According to RealNet Canada Inc., there 1,764 new condos sold in the GTA in June, bringing the January-June total to a whopping 10,030 units.

With the first half of 2010 in the books, the new home market has risen 69 per cent compared with the first half of 2009, and the driving force has been sales of high-rise condo suites, which are up by a dramatic 142 per cent year over year.

I will be the first to admit that comparisons with the first half of 2009 are skewed so I looked back to the first half of 2008, well before the crisis. By this point of the year in 2008, homebuyers had snapped up 7,748 condos. We thought that was a really hot market so to be running 22 per cent ahead in 2010 is simply stunning.

The fact that six out of every ten new homes sold in June were high-rise condo suites reveals the extent to which homebuyers have embraced the high-rise lifestyle in the GTA. Through the first six months of the year, the split has been 53/47 in favour of high-rise condos. Normally, the split is more like 50/50.

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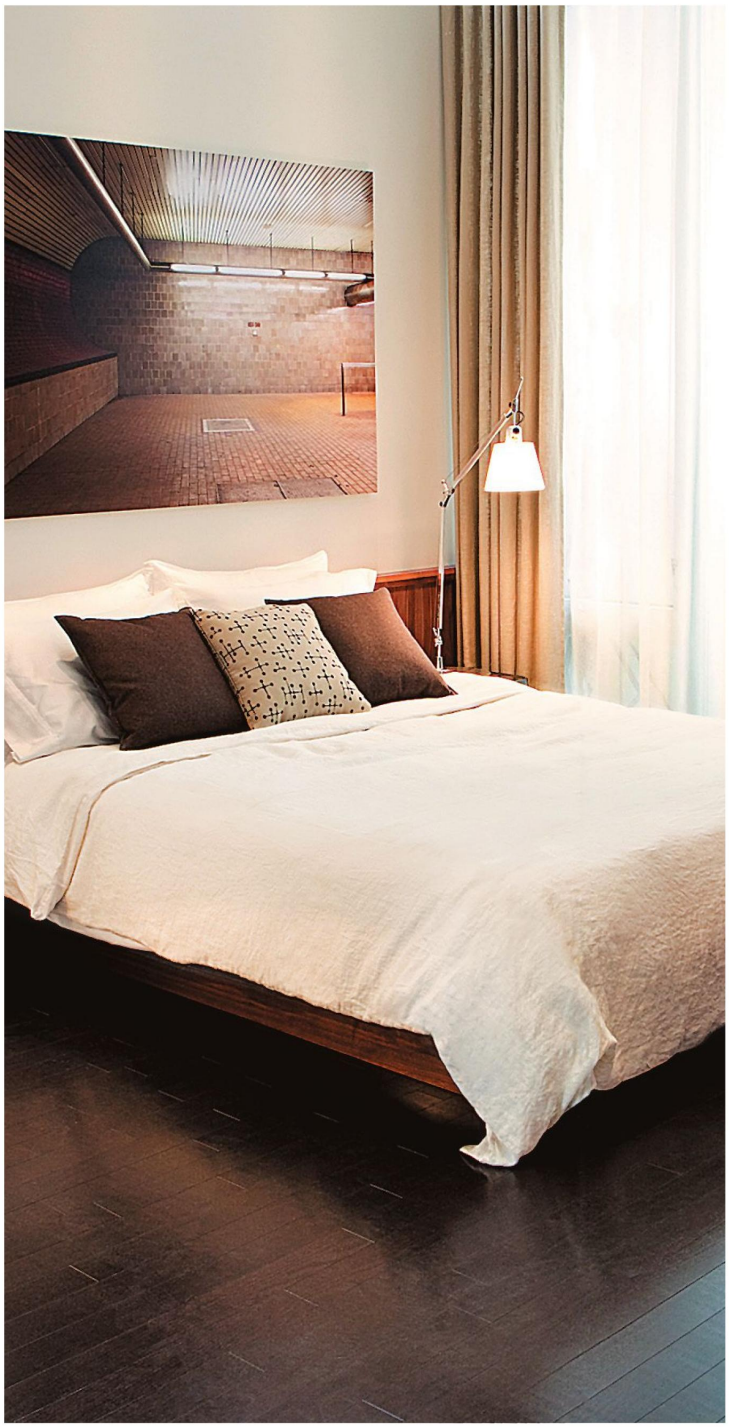

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HOMES IN STYLE

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Rooms lacking soft contours can experience a world of difference with a slab of cushiness on hardwood or a splash of colour underneath a coffee table in a neutral room.

Rugs are aesthetic, functional and a quick way to change up a space, says designer Jennyfer Kenez, of Jennyker Kenez Design Inc. in Toronto.

"(Rugs are) one thing that a lot of people tend to overlook," says Kenez.

With endless shapes, patterns and fabrics, a rug can complete a look by tying all the different elements together in a room, and adds a touch of warmth to a bare, stark floor (and cold feet). Dividing a hard object on a hard surface with an area rug adds visual appeal.

"There seems to be a lot of people who are shopping (for hard furnishings) and they forget about the soft furnishings," says Kenez. "That is the key to creating a personal space. (Rugs add) that personal touch."

Kenez says she favours a combination of wool and silk in a living room, or a shag with a soft and cosy texture for the bedroom.

Rugs can work as a starting point for a colour scheme, or added after as an accent to existing hues, along with throw pillows and candles.

"Look for complementary colours, I hate matchy matchy," says Kenez. "It adds a tremendous amount of impact. Or if you have a painting that you love you can use that as a base and then find your area rug."

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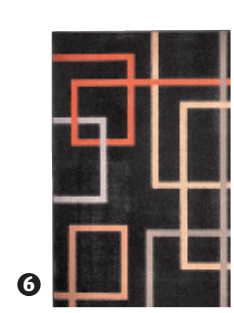
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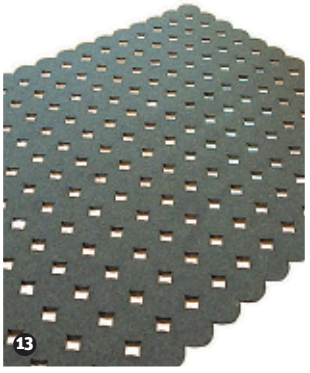
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Your friends are going to fight over this guest room

If you're big into having people over, big into cocktail parties and a big social personality, here is what your well-stocked guest room will need

▶ Whether your guests need to sofa surf or you have a room for them, Metro has some essential tips.

DECOR MOMENT

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I feel like I should install a revolving door on my guest room this summer. With many family and friends deciding to take staycations, my city place has become a popular destination for those choosing a big city experience. I am lucky that I have a separate bedroom and bathroom for guests but for some, a pull-out sofa and spare towel is all thats available. Here are a few great ideas to make your guests feel like they are experiencing a five-star hotel stay no matter how you put them up:

Sofa surfing

• Add a feather bed (a thick duvet-like comforter) on top of the mattress for a more luxurious sleep. Make sure the sheets smell fresh and are clean.

• Once you have pulled out the mattress, cover the entire couch with a freshly laundered king-size sheet. It will create a barrier from the upholstery fabric so your guests won't feel like they are sleeping on your sofa.

• Clear the clutter on your end table and use it as a night-side table; an alarm clock, lamp and a bottle of water will welcome your guests.

• Fill a tote bag with bathroom essentials and leave it by the sofa. This will help keep a shared bathroom organized if everyone has their own storage.

Making room

• Make sure bedding, mattress and pillow covers are cleaned. Spritz fabric refresher (like Febreeze) between mattress, coverings, sheets and duvets so the bed smells fresh throughout the stay. A scented candle will also help to create a fresh smell in the room.

• Freshen pillows by tumbling them on low heat in the dryer; this will also plump them up.

• Window-darkening shades are a necessity; a simple pull-down roll blind is a great inexpensive option.

• Keep supplies like towels, bedding, bathroom tissue, soaps and candles a notch above the quality you would normally have in your home.

Dreams?

My designer dream list for sweet dreams: Yves Delorme bedding $1200, Missoni towels $280, Hastings Queen-sized bed $25,000, a variety of down and allergy-free synthetic pillows $500 and a Barbara Barry candle $75. Thats all I need for a good night's sleep.

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ADJUSTMENT COSTS

Legal Matters

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I have a final closing approaching for my new home and when my lawyer provided me with breakdown of funds, I was surprised that there was almost $5,000 in extra costs that I was not expecting. It was explained that this was from the adjustments that were provided for in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale. What should I do?

What many first time homebuyers of new constructions do not know is that there are adjustments built into the contract that are usually set out in contract provisions under the heading of exactly that: Adjustments. These costs are fees for a variety of items that the builder passes on to the purchaser that are not necessarily known at the time the contract is signed (this can often be two to four years prior to the completion of the house). They are made up of such items as: Utility meter installation, development charges (by the municipality), educations levies (by the school board), Tarion warranty enrollment, Law Society transaction levies … the list goes on. Basically, the builder is passing on to the purchaser any soft costs that they will incur by building the home.

We regularly review Agreements of Purchase and Sale for new purchasers and one of the most important points we stress is to make the buyer aware of these adjustments. Most first time homebuyers are very cost conscious and need to be educated about these costs. Often we will point these out to our clients and have them go back to the builder to see if they will 'cap' these costs. Depending on the builder and the popularity of the development, they may or may not provide an upper limit on these adjustments. If they are willing to do so, you should get this in writing otherwise, you cannot rely upon a verbal cap. Unfortunately, in your case, you will have to pay these extra costs as they were set out in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and there was no provision for a cap.

Keeping clean this season

As a parent, it can be difficult to keep kids feeling healthy Sniffles, sneezing and fevers seem to be something families are constantly battling

One of the best ways to protect yourself and your family against the spread of germs and infectious diseases, such as colds and flus, is to use proper hand washing and hand drying techniques. Even if your hands appear to be clean, they may still be carrying germs that can make you or those around you sick. Seeing as you spend most of your time in your house, it's best to keep your hands clean when you're there.

The Canadian Pediatric Society recommends the following four steps for proper hand washing:

- Wet your hands under running water.
- Scrub your hands well with soap.
- Rinse your hands under running water.
- Dry your hands with a clean towel.

Check out our sidebar on common areas of the house riddled with germs.

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▶ Think your home is clean? Think again.

Germ inspection time: Some hot spots in the home

We all try our best to maintain a clean, healthy living space for ourselves and our families. But there are many germs lingering around our homes that we could be missing.

Of course it's impossible to avoid coming into contact with all germs and viruses but if you are aware of what is in your home, you have a better chance of defending against them.

Here are some of the hot spots in your home you may not have considered:

In home bathrooms with heavy foot traffic, shared cloth towels are often damp and germy due to overuse. Even if a towel looks clean, it may have viral, bacterial or fungal contaminants which can be transferred to hands when drying them.

Health Canada recommends not using a common hand towel to dry hands. Instead, use a one-time use towel so you know you are getting a clean, fresh, dry towel every time.

Pets don't always practice good hygiene, and nor do we when it comes to their dishes. Pet bowls are often left unwashed for longer than they should be and as a result they collect germs and bacteria. Be sure to wash Fido's dishes regularly to keep both pets and family members healthy.

"In home bathrooms with heavy foot traffic, shared cloth towels are often damp and germy due to overuse."

Light switches (including lamp switches) and door knobs see a lot of hand traffic each day and that makes them a hot spot for germs. Cleaning them off regularly — once a week when people are healthy or daily if someone is ill — with antibacterial wipes or sprays will help keep the spread of germs down.

When we are out and about we often place our bags on the floors of restaurants, offices and even public washrooms. By doing this our bags can pick up all kinds of germs and bacteria, so make sure you wipe off bags regularly to avoid tracking contaminants into the home.

Most of us are good about making sure the utensils, cutting boards and plates we use when cooking are properly cleaned to avoid the spread of bacteria like salmonella. But what about spices, and salt and pepper shakers? Make sure whatever you touch when you are handling raw food gets a proper wipe down to avoid any unnecessary illness.

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STEPHANIE DICKISON/FOR METRO TORONTO

▶ The Beet Organic Cafe uses organic beef for the Bison Burger.

Lunches can be tasty and still be healthy

Nutritionist and homeopathic doctor create an menu full of organic goodness ◐ Nothing boring about eating well at this Junction spot

LUNCH RUSH

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Eating a healthy lunch these days can be a challenge, but it's a breeze at The Beet Organic Café in The Junction.

The menu, designed by the owners — a certified nutritionist and homeopathic doctor — is 95 per cent organic. So even if you order a burger, you'll be getting a really nutritious one.

I can't resist the Bison Burger ($13, add raw cheddar cheese for $1) — made of a mix of juicy local, organic bison and minced onions, topped with lettuce, tomato and house mayo, and placed in between a soft, sesame seed bun. A remarkably tasty, lightly-dressed salad topped with sunflower seeds and shredded raw beets, and rosemary potato wedges round out the plate.

It is a filling, mostly satisfying meal, though the bison is slightly bland.

Fresh juices (12-oz $6, 16-oz $8) add extra vitamins and refreshment.

Healthy doesn't have to mean boring. At least not here.

The Beet Organic Cafe
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416- 916-2368
Rating 3.5 out of 5
Time in 1:21 p.m.
Time out 2:28 p.m.
Reservations no
Social Lunch
Low $ — Fresh Baked Spelt Vegan Muffins ($2.75)
High $ — ¼ Chicken Dinner ($14)
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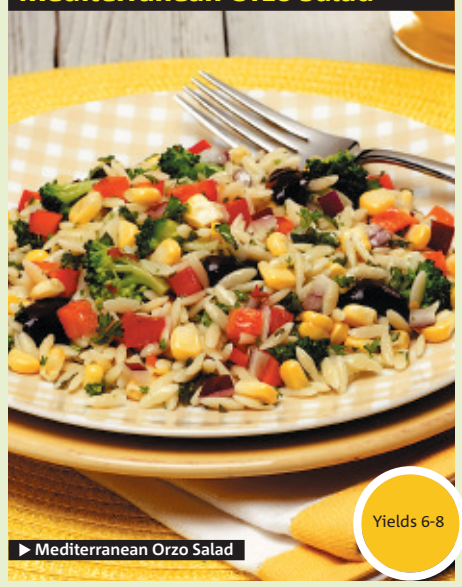
Mediterranean Orzo Salad



Yields 6-8

▶ Mediterranean Orzo Salad

Ingredients :

- 500 ml (2 cups) orzo pasta
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) small broccoli florets
- 500 ml (2 cups) fresh corn kernels (about 3 ears)
- 250 ml (1 cup) each diced sweet red and orange peppers
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) pitted black olives, halved
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) diced red onion
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shredded fresh basil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh parsley
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) white wine vinegar
- 1 clove fresh garlic, minced
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot pepper flakes
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Preparation:

1. In large pot of boiling salted water, cook orzo, stirring occasionally, for 6 minutes. Add broccoli and cook until broccoli is tender and pasta is al dente, about 1 minute.
2. Drain well and refresh under cold running water; drain again. Return to pot or large bowl.
3. Gently stir in corn, red and orange peppers, olives, onion, basil and parsley.
4. In a measuring cup, whisk together oil, vinegar, garlic, hot pepper flakes and salt and pepper.
5. Pour over salad and toss gently. (Salad can be covered and refrigerated for up to 2 hours. Bring out to room temperature 30 minutes before serving.)

When using very fresh corn on the cob, it is not necessary to cook the kernels for this colourful summer salad, which makes a fabulous entree or side dish for a warm evening's meal.

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Book explores the roots of what we eat

Eating for Beginners starts with a stark statistic: 61 per cent of Americans are confused about what to feed their family.

What follows is a cross between The Omnivore's Dilemma and The Girlfriends' Guide to Toddlers — an exhaustively researched and delightfully witty account of author Melanie Rehak's adventurous year working at a local restaurant and tracing its food supply to the sources, as well as grappling with her young son who won't eat a thing.

Through her visits to dairy, produce and animal farms, Rehak gains a deeper appreciation for the difficulties facing local farmers — and the need to support them. Organic food seems more expensive because the costs are more visible, one of her sources tells her. But the costs of conventionally grown food include public funding of irrigation projects and crop subsidies, not to mention pollution and food-borne illnesses.

Back on the home front, readers can track the budding language skills of Rehak's son, Jules, in the myriad ways he refuses almost every edible thing she offers him - from "No" to "No this" to "No chicken. No pasta. No fish."

The juxtaposition between these dual tracks in Rehak's life — food and parenting — makes for an amusing read. After methodically describing how to butcher a duck, and the struggle involved in clipping a baby's nails, Rehak dryly concludes: "You genuinely feel it's easier to butcher a duck."

Despite her conviction that local is the way to go, Rehak (author of Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew and the Women Who Created Her) is reasonable and flexible in the belief, knowing that it's not always possible to be choosy.

The general issue of accessibility of local produce and livestock, however, is unfortunately not addressed, a gaping hole in the book.

Eating for Beginners is funny, informative and relatable. And if you find your mouth watering at some of the dishes mentioned, Rehak is considerate enough to include recipes at the end of each chapter.

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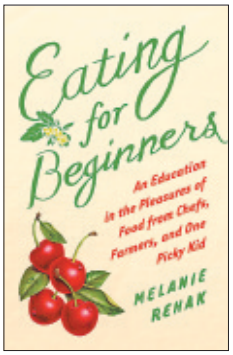

Free concerts offer music among flowers

The serenity of nature and the serenity of classical music make an inspiring summer combination at the Toronto Music Garden. Best of all, it's free.

Located at Harbourfront Centre, the Toronto Music Garden offers its 11th season of free outdoor concerts in its Summer Music in the Garden series.

Concerts of classical, traditional and world music take place on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. and last about an hour. Bench seating is available though limited, so feel free to bring your own chair or blanket and seat yourself. Picnicking is encouraged, so bring along your favourite beverages and munchies to enjoy.

Music in the Garden artistic director, Tamara Bernstein, says the space is an extremely family-friendly place. "It's a space that feels intimate and as different flowers come into bloom, different kinds of music come into bloom too," she says. "It's the only garden we know of in the world that directly interprets a single piece of music."

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Summer lineup

Featured performers this season include:

- **Nagata Shachu** A Toronto-based Japanese drumming ensemble
- **Cecilia String Quartet** Performing works by Dvorak and Brahms
- **Liberty Village Wind Trio** Performing French music for the oboe, clarinet and bassoon.
- **For more information visit harbourfrontcentre.com/torontomusicgarden**

TECHNOLOGY

Apps get summer moving

Smart phones may not exactly seem like a summer gadget but with the right apps they might just get you moving.

For smartphones equipped with Google's Android operating system, a pair of powerful free apps can make getting outdoors an educational experience.

Google Googles Works like a regular Google search but instead of typing into a search bar, you just use what your camera sees.

Hold up your Android phone's camera and barcode scanner like you would to take a photo and the app will use visual recognition and GPS coordinates to recognize what you're pointing at and conduct a search for more information about it.

Scanning a famous, building, work of art, book, even a bottle of wine will instantly bring up search pages about that item.

Google Sky Map Works on a similar principle except for mapping stars instead. Point your phone skyward and Sky Map will tell you exactly what constellations you are looking at and how they are composed.

It even works during the day when the stars aren't easily visible yet.

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▶ When it comes to picnic spots, Toronto offers an array of picturesque options to lay down your blanket.

Picnics a beloved summer tradition

Toronto offers a wealth of idyllic settings for this tried-and-true summer pastime Packing light and planning ahead are keys to success

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With plenty of great parks and Toronto is prime real-estate for that tried-and-true tradition: The picnic.

Nothing mixes fun, friends and food as enjoyably — or as cheaply — as a well-planned picnic, yet setting up the perfect outdoor get-together can be no small feat.

Here's a guide to get you on your way to picnic perfection:

Prep goodies but don't mash them together

Bring prepared, separate ingredients rather than fully-made sandwiches or a meal.

It's more fun to put together your own meal in a picnic setting and the food won't go mushy beforehand.

Plan ahead if you play with fire

If you plan to barbecue food or do some marshmallow roasting, check to make sure your local parks have facilities for doing so and find out if you'll need fire permits or reservations.

Permits tend to be relatively cheap (about $25) and you may need them in advance.

Visit toronto.ca/parks to find out more about a specific park you're considering.

Pack light and use the right equipment

Avoid carrying too much stuff. Lawn chairs and huge coolers are great if your spot is near parking but not so much fun if you have to carry them hundreds of metres to your perfect location.

Coolers with wheels are a godsend because water containers and beverages can be heavy. Plastic cutlery and Tupperware are also a good idea.

Be sensible

Respect the nature around you and clean up after yourself.

Remember, alcohol is not permitted in Toronto parks, though you've probably heard of or seen the occasional person filling a plastic cup with liquids suspiciously reminiscent of beer and wine.

Proceed with some good sense and you should be fine.

Although not a park, Toronto's iconic The Beach neighbourhood is bustling with tons of people, lots of benches and plenty of grassy spots for a quick midday sit-down in the shade. You can also catch a nice breeze coming off Lake Ontario.

Take your pick

Some of Toronto's most popular picnic spots:

- **Trinity Bellwoods Park** Compact with a beautiful setting and plenty of shade right in the heart of Queen West, there's easy access to cappuccinos or other food if you run out.
- **Cherry Beach** This popular but relatively secluded spot northeast of the Toronto Islands, recently improved its washroom facilities.
- **Toronto Islands** There's tons of space, though with less shade than usual, fire pits are available for reservation (with a permit), and there's lots of fun stuff to do in between bites.
- **High Park** T.O.'s largest park has plenty of greenery and lots of secluded areas.

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Caribana brings summer spirit to TO

Parade feature 10,000 participants and more than a million visitors
Flamboyant costumes take centre stage at King & Queen competition

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Brimming with energy and colour, the Scotiabank Caribana Parade returns to Toronto with a spirit as triumphant as ever.

The colourful celebration of Caribbean culture — featuring pageantry, music and dancing — takes over Lakeshore Blvd and Exhibition Place this Saturday. Expect plenty of flashy colours, feathers and buff bodies as almost 10,000 participants and more than a million onlookers take to the street to get in the spirit of summer. Parade co-chair Denise Herrera Jackson says the event is all about bringing people of all ages together to celebrate aspects of Caribbean culture.

"It's a tradition that's about getting together and seeing people just having a good time. I like the fact that we have a festival that is very unique and allows any age group to participate. We have an event that is beautiful and which educates, entertains and engages," she added.

The official after-party — Temperature De Festival — follows the parade immediately at Lamport Stadium starting at 6:30 p.m. and features back-to-back performances by a slew of Caribbean artists.

This year, look for the unveiling of a new dance, the Palance, made popular by Trinidad & Tobago's JW & Blaze, who will also perform at the festival. So get your costumes ready!

What' on

Where to catch what this Caribana weekend.

- **The Scotiabank Caribana Parade:** Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Lakeshore Blvd & Exhibition Place; Free to watch, $25 for seats inside the Exhibition Grounds
- **Temperature De Festival:** Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m.; Lamport Stadium, $25
- **For more information visit caribanafestival.com**

▶ The Sociabank Caribana Parade, taking place this Saturday along Lakeshore Blvd., brims with energy and colour.

▶ Fresh, exotic fruit juices will be available

CARIBBEAN FOOD

Caribana food fest

Caribbean food finally gest its time in the spotlight. The Grace Tropical Rhythms Caribbean Food Festival is Caribana's first food show featuring the signature dishes and ingredients that are as joyful, and full of spice as the people of the Caribbean.

With free samples and cooking demos, the event is expecting more than 5,000 people to attend.

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- **Grace Tropical Thythms Caribbean Food Festival**
  Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.
  Ontario Place; Adults $19, child/seniors $12.64

Get ready for a royal display

No Caribana weekend would be complete without the legendary King & Queen Show.

This year, it's being held tonight at Lamport Stadium from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The competition showcases some of the most enormous and impressive costumes ever devised, complete with 20-foot tall plumage and dazzling colours.

Kings and Queens will be judged on six categories including creativity and craftsmanship.

Committee member Eric Delfish says the contest brings out the best of Caribana.

"It's very competitive — everyone puts their best out on the stage. It is a spectacle, something one has to see to truly understand. Each costume tells a story and has to have a good concept and design," Delfish said.

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- **King & Queen Show**
  Tonight, 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.
  Lamport Stadium
  1151 King Street West
  $30

Argonauts out to prove a point

Club looks to show it's 'for real' against defending Grey Cup champs

ARGOS | ALOUETTES

Time: 7:30 p.m. Today
Channel: TSN

While most of the players and coaches who spoke during yesterday's media scrums and interviews studiously avoided the subject, one Toronto Argonaut was willing to say there's more than a win at stake in tonight's game.

"We look at every week as a test," said veteran Argo linebacker Jordan Younger.

"This one is special because it's an Eastern game and winning this game puts us in a great position for the rest of the season.

"But we definitely want to leave an impression that we're for real."

So far, the Argos have looked very real. But the three teams they've defeated in the first four weeks of the season — Winnipeg, Calgary and B.C. — are not the Montreal Alouettes.

Though the Als have looked less than overwhelming in running up a 3-1 record to share first place in the CFL's East Division, they're still considered the league's gold standard.

A win tonight, or even a close game, would go a long way toward establishing the Argos as serious contenders and not just a team that's been catching everyone by surprise.

But neither head coach would admit the game means any such thing.

"This is the fifth game on our schedule against an East Division opponent," said Alouettes head coach Marc Trestman.

"That's the only thing we're really thinking about right now. Records don't mean anything at this point of the season."

Argo head coach Jim Barker said it was a learning experience and a test, but not a statement game.

"For us to play the defending Grey Cup champions in their own place, coming off of three wins is going to be a good test for us," he said.

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Toronto's passing yards so far this season. The Argos are the only team in the league that has not thrown for at least 1,000 yards this season.

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▶ Argos quarterback Cleo Lemon throws a pass during practice in Mississauga this week.

Colangelo says Bosh 'checked out' from Raps

Chris Bosh's former general manager says the player was "checked out" late last season and chose not to play some of the Raptors' final games.

Talking on radio station FAN 590 in Toronto, Bryan Colangelo said Bosh wasn't the same player toward the end of the year.

Colangelo said Monday that whether Bosh was "mentally checked out or, you know, just wasn't quite into it down the stretch, he wasn't the same guy. And I think everybody saw that, just no one wanted to acknowledge it."

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Trade

▶ The Raptors have acquired centre David Andersen from the Houston Rockets for cash and a future second-round draft pick.

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▶ Chris Bosh

Sports in brief

Strasburg feeling better

MLB. Nationals rookie right-hander Stephen Strasburg first sensed tightness in his pitching shoulder "a couple days ago," he said yesterday, chalking it up to "kind of hitting the wall a little bit."

A day after being scratched minutes before what was supposed to be the 10th major league start of his much-hyped career, Strasburg said he felt "a lot better" and his range of motion is "starting to come back."

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Saints to visit White House

NFL. The Saints will go marching in to the White House next month.

U.S. President Barack Obama will welcome the Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints Aug. 9. The Saints electrified their city and fans by beating the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17, in February.

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Quoted

"They called me to put out a fire, and we put it out. (Julio) Grondona lied to me. (Carlos) Bilardo betrayed me. While we were still in mourning (the loss to Germany), Bilardo worked in the shadows to throw me out."

DIEGO MARADONA, WHOSE CONTRACT WASN'T RENEWED, ACCUSING THE AFA PRESIDENT AND THE ARGENTINA TEAM DIRECTOR

"I've given everything, everything. I am convinced that Argentine football needs to be in a better position. I have tried to transmit the pride that I feel, being Argentine."

Scan code for news

Questions still linger about Printers' injury

Lions QB was to see doctor yesterday Will likely travel with team and dress as third-string quarterback

LIONS ESKIMOS

Time: 9 p.m. ET Friday
Channel: TSN

B.C. Lions quarterback Casey Printers seemed genuinely surprised yesterday when asked about a report that said his CFL season was finished due to a knee injury.

"Oh no, no, no," said Printers. "Where do they get their sources?"

Wally Buono, the Lions coach and general manager, also denied media reports that Printers needed surgery to repair a torn meniscus and a partially torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

"If that was the report, that is surprising to all of us," Buono said. "If that was the case I think the surgery would have been done a long time ago."

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▶ Casey Printers

The exact nature of Printers' injury, and when he might be able to play again, are still questions that remain unanswered.

Printers had an appointment with Dr. Bob McCormack, the Lions' head physician, yesterday afternoon.

Buono expects Printers will be told he can travel with the team for tomorrow's game against the Edmonton Eskimos.

Printers would wear a brace on his knee and dress as the Lions' third quarterback.

"Everything right now seems to be pointing in the direction that he will be travelling and being No. 3 and should be working next week," Buono said.

There is a chance McCormack could recommend arthroscopic surgery, which would sideline Printers for around one month.

"The only discussion I had with Dr. McCormack was, if the surgery needed to happen, let's get it done as quickly as possible," said Buono. "Let's not wait another two or three weeks."

Travis Lulay will start at quarterback for the Lions.

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Howard set to return to Wizards, source says

A person familiar with the deal says Josh Howard has agreed to a one-year contract to return to the Washington Wizards.

The person told The Associated Press yesterday that Howard is set to come back after playing only four games with the team last season. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been signed.

Howard was acquired in a seven-player trade with the Dallas Mavericks Feb. 13, but he tore a ligament in his left knee Feb. 22.

The Wizards declined to pick up their option on his contract at the end of the season but left open the possibility of re-signing him.

Howard had surgery in mid-March, with an expected recovery time of six to eight months. He has averaged 15.3 points over seven NBA seasons.

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Soccer. Champions

▶ Celtic's Shaun Maloney, right, challenges Sporting Braga's Elderson.

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Ajax draw, Celtic lose

Four-time European champion Ajax was held to a 1-1 draw by PAOK, and FC Braga beat Celtic 3-0 in the third round of qualifying for the Champions League yesterday.

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Shoulder fine, Komisarek says

- Blue-liner says he'll be ready for training camp
- Has praise for new additions Armstrong and Versteeg

Leaf defenceman Mike Komisarek says his ailing shoulder is doing just fine and he will be ready for training camp in September.

"I'm all ready to go, absolutely," he said.

Komisarek injured his shoulder in a game against the Calgary Flames in early January, and Feb. 3 he opted to have season-ending surgery in order to be ready for the 2010-11 season.

The decision to have surgery also ended his hopes to play for Team USA in the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Komisarek is heading into his second season with the Leafs. His first didn't go too well.

A punishing stay-at-home defenceman at his best, Komisarek appeared to try to do too much — rush the puck and fight — to justify his five-year, $4.5-million annual contract.

"Both these guys are going to help our team out tremendously."
MIKE KOMISAREK ON NEW LEAFS COLBY ARMSTRONG AND KRIS VERSTEEG

Komisarek, who also helped out with Leafs promotional events this week, likes the new additions to the lineup — Colby Armstrong and Kris Versteeg.

"They're quite the characters. They come in and are already busting chops. We shared a few laughs," said Komisarek.

"I played against Colby a lot. He's a real pain in the butt to play against. He's on our side now, so he's going to help.

"Both these guys are going to help our team out tremendously."

In terms of Versteeg being a character, there's a video of him rapping on YouTube as part of the Blackhawks' Stanley Cup parade.

"My mother showed me it. She's a little embarrassed. She wasn't too happy," said Versteeg.

"It was basically just to have fun and let the fans have fun.

"I've looked at it, I'm a little embarrassed, but it's all in good fun."

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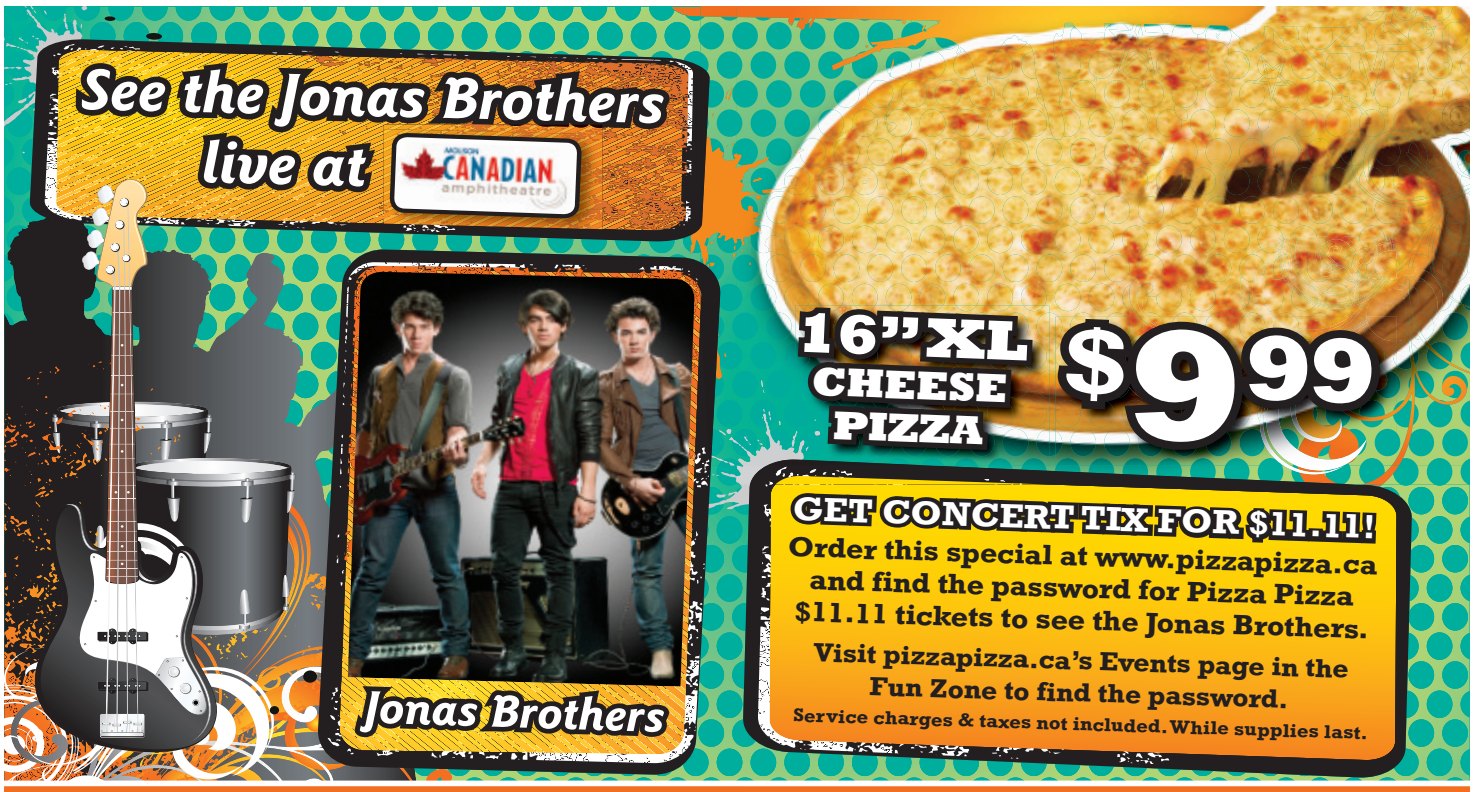
▶ Mike Komisarek says he will be ready for training camp.



O's no problem for pitcher up from triple-A

Brad Mills gets first big-league win Jays stretch season series to 12-0

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Baltimore catcher Jake Fox bobbles the ball at home plate as Jose Bautista scores.

5	0
BLUE JAYS	ORIOLES

Left-hander Brad Mills pitched a two-hitter over seven innings for his first career major-league victory as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Baltimore Orioles 5-0 last night.

The Blue Jays scored an unearned run in the second and four in the eighth, three on Lyle Overbay's 12th homer, to increase their dominance this season over the Orioles to 12-0.

Mills (1-0) also walked three and struck out four before a crowd of 17,041 at Rogers Centre. The hits, both singles, came from his first batter of the game and his second last.

Orioles starter Jeremy Guthrie (4-11) pitched seven innings, allowing only an unearned run, six hits and an intentional walk while striking out three in seven innings.

Mills was called up from triple-A Las Vegas for the spot start to fill a temporary vacancy in the rotation that resulted from last Friday's rainout in Detroit followed by a make-up doubleheader on Sunday.

He made the first two major-league starts of his career in 2009, both against the Philadelphia Phillies, on June 18 and 26.

The left-hander who prides himself in throwing strikes did not do that in his first chance to pitch in the majors — he walked six over 7⅔ innings in the two starts and was 0-1 with a 14.09 earned-run average.

He said he did not throw as many fastballs as usual in those games and generally got away from his game.

This year Mills is 7-4 with a 4.13 earned-run average at Las Vegas. Since a stint of the disabled list with a strained left shoulder, he is 3-0 with a 2.00 ERA.

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Family mourns former NBAer Lorenzen Wright

Relatives and friends of Lorenzen Wright gathered yesterday and grieved for the former NBA player who has been missing for 10 days, as police investigated the discovery of a man's body outside of Memphis.

Wright's uncle, Curtis Wright, told The Associated Press that police called the player's father, Herb Wright, yesterday afternoon with the news he had died.

Sgt. Alyssa Macon-Moore of the Memphis Police Department wrote in an email to the AP that police were investigating the death of an unidentified man beside a wooded area about 20 kilometres south of downtown Memphis. Asked if the man was Wright, she wrote they could not confirm the victim's identity last night.

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▶ Lorenzen Wright

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

AL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
NEW YORK	63	36	.636	-
TAMPA BAY	62	38	.620	1.5
BOSTON	58	44	.569	6.5
TORONTO	53	49	.520	11.5
BALTIMORE	31	70	.307	33

AL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	55	44	.556	-
MINNESOTA	56	46	.549	.5
DETROIT	51	49	.510	4.5
CLEVELAND	42	58	.420	13.5
KANSAS CITY	42	59	.416	14

AL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	59	42	.584	-
OAKLAND	51	49	.510	7.5
LOS ANGELES	52	52	.500	8.5
SEATTLE	39	62	.386	20

Yesterday's AL results

Toronto 5 Baltimore 0
Boston 7 L.A. Angels 3
Minnesota 6 Kansas City 4
Oakland 3 Texas 1
Tampa Bay 7 Detroit 4
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland
Seattle at Chicago White Sox

Today's AL games

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 12:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

NL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	58	42	.580	-
PHILADELPHIA	55	46	.545	3.5
NEW YORK	51	49	.510	7
FLORIDA	50	51	.495	8.5
WASHINGTON	43	58	.426	15.5

NL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	57	46	.553	-
ST. LOUIS	55	45	.550	.5
MILWAUKEE	48	55	.466	9
CHICAGO	46	56	.451	10.5
HOUSTON	42	59	.416	14
PITTSBURGH	35	64	.354	20

NL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN DIEGO	58	40	.592	-
SAN FRANCISCO	58	44	.569	2
LOS ANGELES	54	46	.540	5
COLORADO	51	49	.510	8
ARIZONA	37	64	.366	22.5

Yesterday's NL results

Atlanta 3 Washington 1
Cincinnati 10 Milwaukee 2
Houston 8 Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 7 Arizona 1
San Francisco 10 Florida 9 (10 ings)
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets
Pittsburgh at Colorado
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

Today's NL games

St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
Florida at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 6:35 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.

JAYS WEDNESDAY BOX SCORE

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
B.ROBERTS 2B	4	0	1	0	0	0	.194
M.TEJADA 3B	3	0	0	0	0	0	.269
MARKAKIS RF	2	0	0	0	2	1	.295
SCOTT DH	4	0	0	0	0	1	.287
WIGGINTON 1B	3	0	1	0	1	2	.250
AD.JONES CF	4	0	0	0	0	1	.273
FOX C	3	0	1	0	0	1	.224
C.PATTERSON LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	.274
C.IZTURIS SS	3	0	0	0	0	0	.242
TOTALS	**29**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**3**	**6**	

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
F.LEWIS LF	4	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Y.ESCOBAR SS	4	0	0	0	0	0	.354
J.BAUTISTA RF	4	1	2	0	0	0	.256
V.WELLS CF	4	1	1	0	0	0	.271
LIND DH	3	0	3	1	1	0	.225
1-WISE PR-DH	0	1	0	0	0	0	.280
A.HILL 2B	3	1	0	0	1	0	.201
OVERBAY 1B	4	1	1	3	0	2	.246
J.BUCK C	4	0	1	0	0	1	.279
ENCARNACION 3B	3	0	1	0	0	0	.245
TOTALS	**33**	**5**	**9**	**4**	**2**	**4**	

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
GUTHRIE L,4-11	7	6	1	0	1	3
UEHARA	⅓	1	1	1	0	0
OHMAN	⅓	2	3	3	1	1
TORONTO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
MILLS W,1-0	7	2	0	0	3	4
PURCEY H,1	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
FRASOR H,8	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
GREGG	1	1	0	0	0	2

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
MONTREAL	4	3	1	0	137	103	6
TORONTO	4	3	1	0	103	108	6
WINNIPEG	4	2	2	0	137	114	4
HAMILTON	4	1	3	0	93	116	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
SASK.	4	3	1	0	135	129	6
CALGARY	4	3	1	0	117	85	6
B.C.	4	1	3	0	75	87	2
EDMONTON	4	0	4	0	74	129	0

Today's game

Toronto at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's game

B.C. at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Saturday's games

Hamilton at Saskatchewan, 6:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

July 29

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DAN TOTH

POWER RANKINGS WARRANT REVIEW

The CFL on TSN's commentators and analysts have been spending far too much time under those hot TV lights.

How else do you explain their CFL Power Rankings, unveiled following Week 4? While the rankings mean little — the CFL standings are all that really matters — TSN's group of respected football brains receive plenty of attention from fans and media each week.

But this same group's first offering of the season is so out of whack it warrants review. Presumably compiled by someone who has watched some games this season, TSN's list is a bit scrambled: 1. Saskatchewan (3-1), 2. Montreal (3-1) and 3. Calgary (3-1), is a top-three list that simply makes no sense. The Roughriders were smoked last week 40-20 by the Stampeders, who own the same record and deserve top spot on any sensible list. The Alouettes are enjoying a three-game win streak, but should fall to third based on a season-opening loss to the Riders.

ARGOS ROOKIE ON FIRE

Cory Boyd is light years from Mike Pringle's record of 13 consecutive 100-yard rushing games, but he's already gaining notoriety early in his first CFL campaign. The Toronto Argonauts 24-year-old rookie tailback is just the fourth player in Argos history to post three consecutive 100-yard rushing games.

Bill Symons set the Argos team record by rushing for 100 or more yards in four straight games during the 1968 season. The Argos play tonight in Montreal, where Pringle established the seemingly untouchable CFL standard.

ESKIMOS UNDER PRESSURE

Jobs are on the line Friday night when the 0-4 Edmonton Eskimos host the B.C. Lions. Esks GM Danny Maciocia and/or head coach Richie Hall could be gone should the team field a performance as pitiful as its last outing in Winnipeg, when it fell behind 23-0 in the first half.

RIDER NATION

The Saskatchewan Roughriders are fortunate to enjoy the support of the CFL's best fans, affectionately known as the Rider Nation. But inside some CFL parks — most notably Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg — a small percentage of the watermelon-wearing faithful are soiling the entire group's reputation.

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Schobel open to one more season

Bills defensive end has change of heart about retirement ◆ Could make decision by mid-August

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▶ Aaron Schobel

Aaron Schobel is now considering playing one more year after the Buffalo Bills' leading pass rusher spent the off-season contemplating retirement.

That doesn't mean he's made up his mind yet. Speaking by phone from his home in Texas yesterday, Schobel confirmed to The Associated Press that he intends to make a decision by the middle of August when it's time for his children to begin attending school.

"I'm thinking about it, but I'm not ready to make a decision," Schobel said. "I'm not saying yes. I'm not saying no."

Schobel spoke on the day Bills players began arriving in suburban Rochester, N.Y., to report for training camp, which opens today.

He's spent all nine of his NFL seasons in Buffalo, and his 78 career sacks rank second on the team behind hall of famer Bruce Smith.

One factor in his decision is the Bills wanting him back.

Schobel has four years left on a $50.5-million US contract extension he signed in 2007, including a $2-million roster bonus he was due in March.

"I know I'm probably annoying people, but you've got to be 100 per cent committed to this."

AARON SCHOBEL, ON TAKING HIS TIME TO DECIDE

"I'm thinking if I want to do it, and they want me to do it, then I'll do it," said Schobel, noting he hasn't had any contact with the team.

"The Bills might tell me to get lost. And I'd understand it if they did that."

Schobel did not attend any of the team's off-season workout programs and practices, including a three-day mandatory minicamp a month ago.

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Browns president excited by team

Mike Holmgren is excited about the Cleveland Browns — even if he is starting his first season as team president with his right leg in a cast.

"I'm as excited as I have ever been," Holmgren said yesterday. He entered the media room with his right leg propped up on a cart with wheels that enabled him to move around. Holmgren had surgery on his right foot to correct a condition that had bothered him for a few years.

Holmgren won't be content to sit and watch another 5-11 season as the Browns endured in 2009. He's already made significant roster changes since joining the organization in December — though embattled coach Eric Mangini remains.

Holmgren expressed confidence that Mangini, in his second year in Cleveland, will show progress to impatient fans.

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12 New to the Browns is QB Jake Delhomme, a 12-year veteran, who had some productive seasons before a poor 2009 campaign with the Carolina Panthers. Holmgren pointed out that Delhomme is "only" 35 years old, drawing a comparison to an even older quarterback — Brett Favre.

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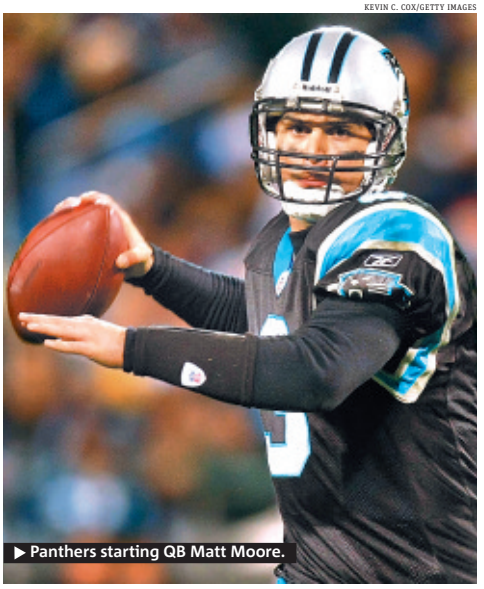

▶ Panthers starting QB Matt Moore.

Baby Panthers report to camp

The familiar sights were missing yesterday morning as 80 mostly young players reported for the start of Carolina Panthers training camp.

There was no wondering which side door Julius Peppers might try to sneak through to avoid reporters outside the dormitory. The star defensive end is in Chicago now.

No sign of veterans Muhsin Muhammad, Brad Hoover, Damione Lewis, Maake Kemoeatu, Na'il Diggs, Chris Harris or Keydrick Vincent, either. All were former starters. All were then let go in the Panthers' off-season youth movement.

Just how young is Carolina? Steve Smith, at 31, is the oldest position player on the roster and one of only four players not born in the 1980s.

"The vibe around here is unknown," said Smith, out of his cast but still weeks away from returning from a broken arm. "Literally, half of them just pulled up."

The new leader looked different, too. Matt Moore, thrust into the starting quarterback job despite just eight career starts, showed up with a thin beard.

At least he's old enough to grow one.

"There's a lot of wide eyes with the youth," Moore said.

After finishing 8-8 last season and under orders by owner Jerry Richardson to cut costs with labour unrest looming, the Panthers begin a season full of uncertainty that includes their coach.

John Fox's ninth season in Carolina could be his last after he was denied a contract extension in the off-season. Fox enters the last year of his deal with the challenge of getting a team with 63 players who are 25 or younger ready to compete in the same division as the Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints.

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Quarterback

After finishing strong last season, QB Matt Moore was handed the starting job when Jake Delhomme was released following his miserable season.

- Moore is 6-2 as a starter, but those games came over two seasons after Carolina was already effectively eliminated from playoff contention.
- His hold on the starting job is hardly secure. The Panthers snatched up Jimmy Clausen in the second round and the former Notre Dame star agreed to a four-year contract early yesterday.

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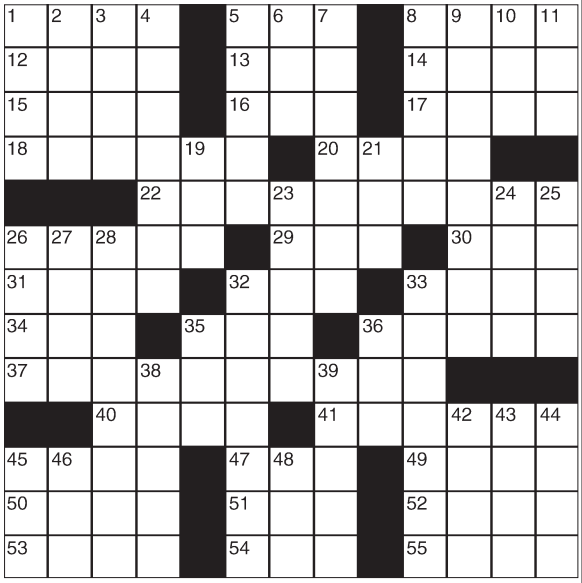

Across

1 Detail, for short
5 Chest protector?
8 Surface gunk
12 Crooner Perry
13 Swiss canton
14 Watergate evidence
15 One side of the Urals
16 Tatter
17 Formerly, formerly
18 Aromatic resins
20 Nourish
22 Wealthy enough
26 Also-ran
29 Journal
30 Head movement
31 Black, in verse
32 Stick out
33 Applause
34 As well
35 Faux —
36 Greek triangle
37 Armoire contents, maybe
40 Tom's pal
41 Gorge
45 Give off
47 Sch. org.
49 Midmonth day
50 Protracted
51 Feedbag tidbit
52 Grazing areas
53 Palm starch
54 Dead heat
55 Harvard rival

Down

1 Con game
2 Flower
3 Eastern potentate
4 Become rough
5 Pop
6 One of the Gershwins
7 Abominable Snowman's cousin
8 Kind of wool
9 Vatican VIP
10 High periods
11 Encountered
19 That girl
21 Work unit
23 Collection of diamonds?
24 Typeface
25 Old Norse work
26 Reply to "Shall we?"
27 Reed instrument
28 Emollient
32 Big win in Vegas
33 Ponderously
35 USMC rank
36 Forensic ID
38 Expenditure
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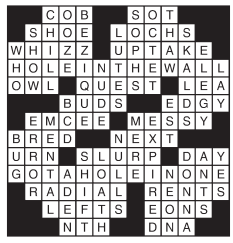
44 Being, to Brutus
45 Golfer Ernie
46 Kiwi's extinct cousin
48 Mai — (cocktail)

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

	3		7			6	4	
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2				9				
	5	7			3		6	
				1				
	9		6			8	5	
				5				2
4		9		3				6
	8	2			7		1	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	1	3	4	2	8	9	7	6
9	4	6	7	3	1	2	5	8
7	2	8	5	6	9	1	3	4
6	8	2	3	1	5	4	9	7
4	3	5	6	9	7	8	1	2
1	7	9	2	8	4	5	6	3
8	6	4	9	5	3	7	2	1
2	5	7	1	4	6	3	8	9
3	9	1	8	7	2	6	4	5

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Partly cloudy 25° / 16°	Partly cloudy 24° / 17°	Partly cloudy 25° / 18°

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19 You will get the chance to put a relationship on a firmer footing today. It will go better for both of you if you don't let your impatience get the better of you.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 Do you get along with the people you work with and for? If you do then you will get along even better today. If you don't then your differences will be highlighted and magnified. It seems there is no middle ground.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Forget any ideas you had about slowing down because all sorts of new opportunities are one their way and you will have to act quickly and decisively to make the most of them. You may have to speed up.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will have to act fast over the next 24 hours, especially on the home front where loved ones are expecting you to show the way. Cancer is a cardinal sign, which means you have leadership qualities. So lead.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may have good reason to be annoyed with someone's behaviour, but is it worth getting worked up about? Of course not.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Even the most selfless of Virgos needs to pay the bills and make ends meet, and soon you will get the chance to boost your income. Money isn't evil, it's just another tool.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Mars in your sign over the next month or so promises that you won't be short of ambition or energy. The more effort you put into life the more you will get out of it, so stop thinking and start doing.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Attitude is always important, but never more so than now as cosmic goings-on play on your fears and encourages you to believe that the sky is falling. It isn't, and it won't.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Even if you like to go your own way you will be required to work closely with other people this week. Show you can be a team player – the rewards will be worth it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You should look to the future and working out ways to boost your income and your reputation. You have what it takes to be the biggest and the best.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't sit there feeling sorry for yourself and wishing you had made more of your opportunities – get out into the world and make a few more. You can do anything you want.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Everything will come right in the end — it always does — so what are you worried about? Your money situation may be giving you cause for concern but you're inventive enough to find a solution.

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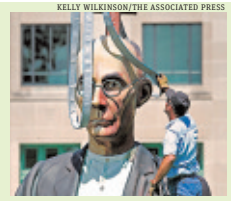

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